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Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore City Congress Committee in connection with the observance of "Mahathma Gandhi" Jayanthi in the Town Hall Mysore, on Thursday the 2nd October 1941 at 7-15 P.M. About 100 people consisting of R.A.Members, local Congressites and retail shop-keepers attended the meeting. Mr. H.C.Dasappa, Congress Worker, Mysore, presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

(At about 6-20 P.M. electricity failed. Some time afterwards there was a heavy downpour. At that time there was a heavy gathering in the Town Hall and as soon as the rai stopped, the crowd dwindled. At about 7-15 two petromax lights were brought. After a long time, there was good ligh ing arrangement, since electricity came).

After the singing of some Congress songs by a boy and a girl and some Telugu Congress songs by Ganga Reddy of Kolar Mr. S.Rangaramiah, Congress Worker, Mysore, spoke thus.-

This day we are observing the 73rd birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. According to the programme, the Flag Hoisting Ceremony was performed in the morning at 8-30 A-M. Then Khadi wa sold in various streets. The third item of the programme is the holding of a public meeting. We have arranged the publi meeting in the Town Hall, on account of the rainy season. But I think the maidans are more comfortable for us than this bui ing. This is the only secure place as there is 144 section in the adjoining maidan. So to say this is an oasis in the desert. As you saw some minutes ago, there was a huge gathe ing of people in the maidan to see the acrobats. Such gather ings can take place, but we cannot speak there. If we speak we will be arrested and imprisoned. Apart from that, let me come to the subject matter. On your behalf, I request Mr. H.C.Dasappa to preside over this meeting and conduct its proceedings.

Mr. H.C.Dasappa, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

The object of holding this meeting has been told by Mr.Rangaramiah. I do not want to speak much in the beginnin of the meeting, since there are many speakers. Firstly, Mr. M.A.Doreswamy Iyengar will speak. He needs no introduction. He is a prominent advocate and a scholar. Above all, he has very well understood the principles of Mahatmaji. Now I request him to speak to you.

Mr. M.A.Doreswami Iyengar, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

I think that I am selected first to speak, since - there are many good speakers who can impress you with their speeches. Much can be said regarding Mahatma Gandhi. You have listened to such lectures many a time and every one knows much regarding Gandhiji. Therefore, there is no - necessity for me to speak for a long time. I will stress upon a particular aspect only. Mahatmaji is said to be a Mahatma or Mahapurusha. What is the reason for the same? Whom do you call so? Firstly, to get a title from one and all, one must have an extraordinary power in every field, or in any particular field. Some are great in the intellectual field. Some are great in morals and character. Some are great in politics and statesmanship. Some others are great in certain specialised subjects. But in Mahatmaji we see all these qualities. Of course, there are many in whom we can see certain particular qualities and not all But there are some persons who say that Mahatmaji is the foremost in intellectual and the spiritual field and not in the political field. But I must tell you that whatever the case may be, he is the one and only person who has almost all the qualities that make a person of international fame. (Claps). I may tell you that even Sree Krishna had not go such a fame as that of Mahatmaji, since the fame of Sree - Krishna was localised, i.e., it was known only for a particular religious sect. But Mahatmaji is an international personality. Sree Krishna's name is seen in the religious field only. Even then, if any one were to name any person in that field after Sree Krishna, it is only Mahatmaji. He is an ideal person. Whatever he preaches, he brings into practice. Again, there is no religion which does not claim him as its ø follower. On the other hand, we can see the principles of every ~~of~~ religion such as Shaiva, - Vaishnava, Jaina and other religions in his principles. He has not got his name on account any showy knowledge. But he

But he is worth more than what is ascribed to him. In the political field, his influence is immense. When the Emperor visited Bombay and walked upon sand, people collected small quantities of sand and put them along with God and worshipped the same. We are such sort of people. But, the credit goes to Gandhiji for making us bold and politically awakened. Again, if a person's name has to remain for a long time and come down to generations, he must be the foremost in the intellectual field. Mahamaji is the formemost in that field also. His researches in foodstuffs are often published in London Times. Again, he is the first person to give a novel interpretation to Non-violence. To put in a nut-shell, he is the foremost in politics, in the moral and the intellectual field, in the spiritiual field and in every other field. But His influence in the religious and the spiritual field ranks foremost. Let us pray God to give him a long and a healthy life. (Claps).

(Mr. H.C.Dasappa said that Mr.K.Hanumanthiah will speak. In introducing him, he stated that he came from Bangalore and was a prominent advocate of Bangalore. Further he said that he was the secretary of the Congress party in the Representative Assembly. Then he requested him to speak

Mr. K.Hanumanthiah of Bangalore City, next spoke thus.

I view the "Gandhi Jayanthi" from the political point of view. The British are ruling over India for more than 150 years. The Indian National Congress took its birth just 56 years ago. Before the Congress was founded, there was no association in India which tried to ameliorate the condition of the people in a disinterested manner. When the Congress was stated, it was only an association which requested the Government to get them some facilities. Gradually, it grew and amass power. Before the entry of Mahatmaji into Congress, it was only an association holdings meetings now and then. It is Mahatmaji who preached to the people to agitate and work up for the estaolishment of Swaraj and Responsible Government. Before the advent of Mahatmaji into Politics, there were Surendranath Banerjee, Gokhale and others

others. They did not find out the root cause for our ills. Just as a doctor cures only head-ache and does not study the constitution of the patient, so also they fought out for the temporary ills of the people and for the permanent relief. B Mahatmaji diagonised the disease and has put down a programme for the permanent cure of all ills of the people. The Briti came here to carry on their business and now they are the - rulers of the country. Swami Vivekananda has said in one of his works that firstly the brahmins will rule the country; then the kshatriyas; then the merchants and then the common people. Accordingly, the British came here to further their business and made us their slaves. Mahatmaji thought and even now is of opinion that the British will go away if they do not have a good market for their commodities in India. With that idea in view he first of all preached the "Mantram" of Swadeshi. Nothing pleases Mahatmaji than to manufacture Khadi with our own hands. When we buy only Khadi, the Lancashire cloth will have no price and hence they may think of going away from India They may put us in Jails, they may shoot us. But they cannot force us to buy Lancashire cloth. Secondly Mahatmaji preached Civil Disobedience, which meant boycotting all schools, courts and non-cooperating with the Government in every way. When he preached us this creed in 1920, many did not understand him at all. That is a separate question. In this connection I remember an analogy. In the Central Jail there are about 1000 prisoners. As you have seen, there will be 2 policemen for every prisoner when he is brought outside. At that rate, there ought to be 2,000 policemen to guard the 1000 prisoners. But it is not the case. The Jail has been divided into barracks. Each barrack contains 50 or 60 people In every barrack there will be 2 wardens who are paid 4 annas per month and are given a uniform of a coat, turban and - trousers. Mostly these wardens will be criminals sentenced to 10 or 15 years of impisonment. Again outside the barrack there will be 2 more wardens on a pay of Re.1/- per month and with the same uniform. Since these are criminals, they know

know the weaknesses of the other criminals and report everything to the ~~xxx~~ policemen or the Jail authorities. Thus, th 1000 prisoners are controlled through this ingenuous system. The wardens control the prisoners on account of the petty pay As. 4/- or Re.1/- per month. Suppose no prisoner wants to be the warden, then it will be very difficult for the Jail and the Police authorities to control the prisoners. So also is the case with our administration. The population of India is about 35 crores, whereas the population of England is about 4 crores. They are ruling over us. It is the system of administration that is ruling over us. They appoint our own people as ministers, D.Cs., D.S.Ps. &c. They know us well an help the British to rule over us for any length of time. Thus we are kept in slavery. Some people aspire for jobs on accou of money and others for the sake of power. Just as the - wardens rule over the prisoners in Jail, ~~xxxxxxx~~ and help the Police and Jail authorities, so also every Government servant from the Police Constable to Prime Minister in India are co-operating with the British people to rule over us (Claps). Just as the Jail authorities cannot control the prisoners without the help of the wardens, so also the British cannot rule over us without our help in administration. After knowing this fact, Mahatmaji preached the ~~programme~~ policy of non-cooperation. He advocated that students should boycott the schools, the lawyers should boycott the courts &c. Even if we are able to do it for an hour, we can get Swaraj. Mahatamji is an extraordinary person. He knew all these things. Just as a dull boy cannot understand the intelligent teachings of a teacher, so also we do not understand him at all. If we cann-ot understand him, we cannot bring his principles into practice. If we cannot bring his principles into practice, we cannot get Swaraj. We must understand that the British are very intelligent people. See the manner in which they controlled all 565 Maharajas under the subsidiary system, according to which the Maharajas had to maintain a British army in order to secure internal stability and outward aggression. In foreign matters, they

they had to correspond through the British Residency. In this way, all the 565 Maharajas were made their subordinates. Their intelligence surpasses even that of Chanakya. To fight with such people is not very easy. Mahatmaji found only one way. It is the weapon of non-cooperation. The potency of this weapon is immense. We cannot aptly describe the intelligence of Mahatmaji for having found out this weapon. As Sree Krishna has said in Gita that whenever evil things prevail in the world, God takes birth and puts an end to all evils, Mahatmaji come down to us and he is removing all our evils. Really he is the incaranation of God. He has immens faith in Truth. You might have read the Cow's story, and you may know how the Tiger nearly died on account of the utterrance Truth of the Cow. But whenever we think of a cow and a tiger we immediately run to the conclusion that the tiger killed the cow. But it is not the case in the story. On account of the utterrance of truth of the cow, the mind of the Tiger was reformed. So also is the case with the present policy of Mahatmaji, who tries to reform his opponents even. The only person who preached Ahimsa before Mahatmaji was Buddha. But Buddha became famous in religious and spiritual field. And not in other fileds. But the case of Mahatmaji is quite - different. Mahatamji is of opinion that a person cannot live only spititual and religious fields but also in politi cal and other fields. Hence he is guiding the destinies of millions of people in every way. He has carried out researc es in foodstuffs, diseases, education, in politics &c. Even his opponents respect and honour him. This is the unique distinction in Mahatmaji. We cannot compare him with other people. If we compare him with other great men of the world, he will shine as Gomateswara while others will be seen as puny creatur If you bring at least some of his principles into practice, then the observance of "Gandhi Jayanthi" is quite justified.

Mr. H.C.Dasappa, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

It is already high time and I do not talk much. Till

Till now you have listened to the lucid lectures of Messrs. Doreswami Iyengar and Hanumanthiah and I do not want to ~~max~~ erase that impression from your minds. But I will speak a few words. "Gandhi Jayanthi" is observed in every part of the world and I must say that it is observed almost in eve village also. This is a festival connected with the count itself. At this juncture, we must take a pledge to better the condition of the people, and to establish the independence of the country. Coming to the subject, I must tell you that even in his boyhood Mahatmaji showed signs of his future gres ness. There are many instances to prove the same. But if I should repeat the same, it will take much time. This much I can say that he had immense love towards Truth since his boy- nood and the required ~~co~~ moral courage to put the same into practice. Even if we were to practice the same, we can also do much good. Though we cannot become Gandhies we can yet set ourselves as examples to others. If any person tries to remove poverty or to get justice to the wronged, then we can say that he is doing a very good thing. Mahatmaji's ambit o work is the whole world. If any wrong is done to any commun ty or nation in the world, he will fight out for the affected community or nation. We must help others when they are in trouble. The second thing that we find in him is the supreme condentration. Even if we talk for hours together, he will - listen to us patiently and replies within 5 minutes. Such kin of power is very rare to be seen in others. He is not only proficient in politics, religious problems and spiritual ques- tions but also in intricate subjects such as bacteriology &c. He never thinks that he knows much. He is a student always and is quite willing and anxious to learn anything from any person. It is our fortune that Mahatmaji is leading us in our struggle to establish Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness. He is quite different from other Sanyasis who are filing suits in Courts for the retention of their properties. Nobody knows what he does next. Whenever

Whenever he is prompted xxxx by his inner power he will do a certain thing. Suddenly he came away from South Africa. So also was the case when he left Sabaramathi Ashram and came to Sevagram. Mr. Pyarelal is his private secretary. He is the specialist in massaging. It is usual with Mahatmaji to have massage from Mr.Pyarelal daily. Again Mahatmaji is - gifted with foresightedness. When he lays down any programme every one will laugh at him. But after a months, every one will understand the value of that programme. This is said by great leaders like Rajen Babu, Pandit Nehru and others. The present Satnyagraha also was thought to be ineffective. But, if we see deeply, we will understand that there is no alternative at all. Before the entry of Mahatmaji into Congres, it was merely a body passing some resolutions. But now it is weilding immense power. Another thing that Mahatmaji stresses is that the ladies must take greater part in these activities. A lady's place is xxx equal to that of 1000 men. To put in a nut-shell, Mahatmaji is making history. It is our great xxxxxxxxxxx fortune to live in the lifetime of Gandhiji. He is a Yuga Purusha. Even in America and other western countries the people are appreciating the principles of Mahatmaji. There is no use in simply holding meetings and listening to the - lectures. You must try to bring every one of his principles into practice. Secondly every one must have complete faith in God. When the Chinese Delegation interviewed him, he talked with them for a long time and when they departed, he went along with them for a certain distance. The members of the Delegation said that he was very healthy and asked him as to how he managed to be so healthy. He replied that he was - healthy on account of God. He further said that he left all the worries to God and he himself felt happy and contented. At another time, he has said that the people follow him only on account of his constructive activities and not as a political leader, and even not for his principles. Khadi propaganda, Harijan Uplift, revival of rural industries &c are some of his many items of constructive activities. You must make up your

your minds to buy Khadi and thus contribute your quota to the"Gandhi Jayanthi". I request ~~kkkk~~ you to buy Khadi to-morrow only.

Mr. B.Narayanaswamy, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke th

The first day's programme of the "Gandhi Jayanthi" has come to a close. In the morning we had the flag hois ing ceremony. Afterwards we hawked Khadi. Now we have gathered here. But the sales of Khadi are not up to our expectation. We thought that we will sell about 300 rupe worth of Khadi. But we could not do ~~such a~~ so much business. To-morrow also we will hawk Khadi. There will be a public meeting in the evening in this place under the auspices of the Khaddar Paraspara Sahaya Sangha. Mr. Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug will preside. He is a member of the Parliamentary Working Committee and the Working Committee. Formerly he was a lawyer and now he is not. Lastly, I must thank Mr.H.C.Dasappa for presiding over this meeting. Again I have to thank Messrs. Doreswami Iyengar and Hanumanthiah fo their fine speeches. Now Ganga Reddy will sing"Vande Matar Then the meeting will terminate.

Ganga Reddy of Kolar sang "Vande Mataram".

Then the meeting terminated with cries of Jais at 8-15 P.M.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, District Police Office,
Mysore, Dated, 3-10-41.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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E. G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

(Camp) Mysore,
~~BANGALORE~~

October 4, 1941.

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DEV... OFFICE
6. OCT. 1941
NO. 2946

My dear Kesaviengar

I enclose for the information of Government a copy of a letter just received from the Distric Superintendent of Police, Shimoga, regarding a rather serious fracas at Holehonnur, the cause of which has not been clearly explained.

No doubt you have already received a report through the District Magistrate. In any case, ample precautions seem to have been taken to prevent further violence.

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Law Minister & Dewan
MMS 4/10/41
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Yours
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Rajasevaprasakta
B.T.Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

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No.I.C.211/41-42 dated 2-10-1941
D.O. letter/from the District Superintendent of Police, Shimoga, to the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

I received information from the Amildar, Shimoga Taluk, at about 5-15 P.M. on 1-10-1941 that Gurunanjiah and his party at Holehonnur invaded the shop of one Srinivasa Rao, looted the same and also inflicted severe injuries on the head and eyes of the said person. The Police staff at the Outpost at Holehonnur were threatened with death and driven out and the same havoc is being continued by the same party.

Immediately I took the available Provincial Reserve Police and District Police and the Amildar also to the place. The villagers were hidden in their houses. Gurunanjiah and his party were seen moving in a crowd in the village. I followed them and they were found inside the Mutt which belongs to the said Gurunanjiah making ostensible Bhajana. All the doors of the Mutt were bolted from inside. No amount of bawling out could make the said Gurunanjiah open the door. It was told from inside that the said Gurunanjiah was away from that place for the last three days. Since the persons who were inside were ready to attack the Police and the Police were in a very small number I formed a corden round the Mutt to prevent any escape of the culprits. By morning I got reinforcement of the Police force and asked the inmates to open ~~to~~ the door and gave them caution that the doors will be broken open for the entry of the Police in case they refuse to open the door. The leader of the party who was reported to be absent for the last three days, opened the doors.

About 40 to 50 persons including this leader were hauled up and the investigation is proceeding. I have stationed the Provincial Reserve Police and some of the District men at Holehonnur and returned this morning to Shimoga to ascertain the Hindu-Muslim tension with regard to taking of procession in front of mosque at Mandli in Shimoga Town. There is nothing serious in Shimoga Town.

The progress of Holehonnur affairs will be reported in due course.

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Inspector-General of Police.

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7. OCT. 1941
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Mr. K. SUBBA RAO, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

Dated ...5th...October 1941.

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5. OCT. 1941
OF MYSORE.

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OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR LAW
OCT 7 1941
No. 3361

Dear Sir,

I send herewith, for the information of Government, copy of Mysore District Police Superintendent's report No.S.B.53/41-42 of even date regarding the proceedings of the Congress meeting held in the Town Hall, Mysore, on the 3rd October '41, in connection with the observance of "Mahathma Gandhi Jayanthi".

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Yours sincerely,

Law minister
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Rajasevaprasakta
B. T. KESAVIENGAR, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
(CAMP) MYSORE.

I am not sure that Mr Rajaram Iyengar was present in order to getting with these persons. He should be present. I think the part in brackets should be deleted.

Submitted for approval with a draft letter to the Director of Ste.

For perusal.

Law minister
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S.B.No.53 /41-42.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the Khaddhar Co-operative Society, Limited, Mysore, in connection with the observance of "Mahatma Gandhi" Jayanthi, in the Town Hall on Friday the 3rd October 1941 at 6-45 P.M. About 100 people consisting of local Congressites, students and petty shop-keepers attended the meeting. Mr. S.Nijalingapp of Chitaldrug presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

Mr. M.N.Jois, Congress Worker, Mysore, spoke thus.-

This day is the second day in the observance of "Gandhi Jayanthi". This meeting has been arranged with a view to explain to the people the advantages of the - constructive activities, such as Khadi &c. The members of the Khaddar Co-operative Society have arranged for this meeting. As soon as the Khadi is heard, every one remember the name of Gandhi. The words Gandhi and Khadi are inseparable. Mr. Rajaram Iyengar, Superintendent, Bandanval Khadi Centre and Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao will speak upon the subject. Mr.Nijalingappa, Ex-advocate of Chitaldrug will preside. On your behalf I request him to take the chair and conduct the proceedings of the meeting. Further, I request all of you to listen to the speeches peacefully and make this function a success.

Mr. S.Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug next spoke thus.-

This meeting has been held with a view to explain to you the need for the revival of rural industries such as Khadi. I have come here with the same enthusiasm as you have in your hearts. There are two important speakers who will speak to you. One is Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao whom you know better than myself. Since you know him too well, he needs no introduction. The other is Mr. Rajaram Iyengar who is a B.Sc. Without caring for other kinds of work, he has devoted his life to Khadi. The Government were pleased with his work and now he is appointed as the Superintendent of the - Badanval Khadi Centre. First of all, Mr. Rajaram Iyengar will speak to you.

Mr. Rajaram Iyengar, Superintendent, Badanval Khadi Centre, next spoke thus.-

According to the orders of the President to speak something regarding Khadi. In the present day world, we usually see capitalistic concerns wherein the management will get the maximum profits out of the minimum wages. In other words, the labourers are poorly paid and the prices of the commodities manufactured are so fixed that highest profits are realised. Seeing the difficulties of the poor people, Mahatmaji thought of a plan to change the mode of production itself. His plan was the revival of rural - industries. Khadi cloth is being manufactured here since 14 years. It is Mahatmaji who sowed the seed for its - manufacture. Before the Government took charge of the Bandanval Centre, much ground work had been done. The - All India Charaka Sangha was working there. More than that, as you know Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao had done a good deal of work. For some time, the Badanval Centre was under dual control so to say. All the finance was under the control of the Government; but the propaganda for work and sales was carried on by the All India Charaka Sangha. On account of the encouragement given by the Government, the Badanval Centre has improved a good deal and attained the present position. Again the support given by the Municipalities and the District Boards is noteworthy. The Government are designing a programme to open centres like Badanval in rural areas of the State. I wish all success to their programme. Now, let me come to the price of the Khadi cloth. People may say that the price is too high when compared with mill cloth. But first of all we must think of the wages that are to be given to the labourers. At least they must get a standard wage. Mahatmaji is of opinion that every labourer must get at least a standard daily wage of - 8 annas a day, which is the wage that is usually got by the labourers of the City. The labourers of Cities and Towns are better placed in life, since they have Unions and other

other organisations to fight for them. But the labourers who manufacture Khadi are distributed in rural areas and there are none to look after them. Usually they were ~~xxxx~~ being paid an anna or 1½ annas. It is not right on our part to deny them a living eventhough they work all the day over. Hence a standard wage came into existence since 4 years and that is the reason for the rise in the price of Khadi. Still Mahatmaji says that the standard wage is not reached, i.e., 8 annas a day. The standard wage is according to the mere provincial or local demand and supply. No definite wage is fixed up. But it must be seen that the daily worker gets sufficient money to be happy and contented. First of all, we began to give a wage of 2½ annas; then 3 annas.But the people say that the price of Khadi must be less than the price of mill cloth. It cannot possibly be. On accoun of the standard wage, the price of Khadi has risen. Again, the price of cotton has risen on account of war. If the price of Khadi cloth were to be the same, the labourers have to be given something lesser than before. But it could not be. Hence the rise in Khadi. Even then the rise in the price of - Khadi may be 1½ annas in a rupee,whereas the rise in the price of mill cloth is nearly3 to 4 annas in a rupee. Again we are manufacturing paper. Though we cannot manufacture fine quality of paper, yet for rough use, they will be useful. Again, Wardah Oil Mills are put into practice by which every labourer can easily earn about Rs.12/- per month. The Government wants to extend this programme to many rural areas. I think they will do it within a short time. Now, Mr.Tagadur Ramachanra Rao will speak. He may tell you all that I have forgotten. For the present, I take leave of you. (Claps).

Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao, Congress Worker,Mysore, next spoke thus.-

This day we are observing Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi.Thi is the second day of the celebrations. Every day a separate topic will be dealt with. To-day speeches are delivered regarding Khadi. To-morrow speeches will be delivered regarding rijan uplift and day after to-morrow regarding Municipali-

Municipalities and so on. Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthix is being celebrated all over the world ~~over~~. Yesterday you were told why this Jayanthi is to be observed. This day speeches will be delivered upon Khadi only. Why should you wear Khadi? Firstly, you will feed the poor, if you wear it. Secondly, you will find it a weapon to use against the foreigners. Thirdly, it brings about Hindu-Muslim unity. Fourthly, it gives employment to the unemployed. Lastly it will cement the gulf between the rich and the poor. Khadi manufacture is the favourite programme of Mahatmaji. Spinning is a necessary qualification for a Sathyagrahi, if he were to observe Sathyagraha. On account of this restriction all the M.L.Cs. District Board members and others must spin if they want to observe Sathyagraha. But this was not the case while Sathyagraha was performed ~~in~~ previously. Any 4 anna member of the Congress might have observed it. But now it is not the case. Mahatmaji has ordered that Ministers, M.L.Cs. and others who hold responsible posts to perform Sathyagraha. This is done with a view that no misrepresentation may be made by the British in foreign countries. Now, they cannot say that insignificant people observed Sathyagraha. Further, the Ministers and others are the elected representatives of the people. In that way also it is effective. Every one can understand that there is sufficient support for the Sathyagraha since the representatives of the people are themselves performing Sathyagraha. Applying this principle to our affairs, we must come down to practical field. The time of delivering speeches is gone. Every one must try to do something. Of course, the Congressites have entered the Municipalities, the District Boards and other place of powe. Even you have paved the way for ministerships. But first of all we must understand that we are not business people. The leaders must think they are here to protect the people. At the time of every Jayanthi they must take the statistics all the Charakas and hand-looms. The figures must be compared with that of the previous year. Year by year the

the number of charakas and handlooms in use must increase. There is a Committee consisting of a President and Congress and non-congress members. Suggestions to improve this rural industry must be given to them according to its condition. Regarding the improvement of this rural industry, - there is no difference of opinion between the Congress and the non-congress members of the Committee. The leaders must take this allegation in a sportive manner and must try to do accordingly. Just as the leaders are doing their best to the Kahdi Co-operative Society, so also they must enter the business field. They must come down to practical field and give impetus to Khadi manufacture. Again, there is the Warda system of education. The scheme has been passed by the Representative Assembly. But it is not put into practice. Again, the mistake is with the leaders, who have not put it into practice. I close my speech with the hope that all these will come into practice at the earliest possible time.(Claps)

Mr. S.Nijalingappa, Congress Worker, Chitaldrug, next spoke thus.-

Mr. Rajaram Iyengar has spoken to you from the economic point of view. Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao has spoken to you from the political point of view and also appealed to come down to the practical field. Firstly, I must say that he has forgotten he is one among the leaders whom he has indicted. Let me reply that everything will be done in the way he has suggested. We have been doing something. Yet we will do more. Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao was talking with the same subject this day morning. I gave full support for his suggestions. Now let me come to the subject, What is meant by "Constructive Activities"? The history of 150 years ago will show us the picture of our country at that time. Let us study a village at that time and at the present time. It is seen from history that then the people wer happy and contented. They had enough food and clothing. Apart from that, we were manufacturing cloth for the local consumption as well as for export. Almost every house possessed a charaka. The economic condition of the people was good. But

But the same conditions are not prevailing in any village of the present times. It is the duty of the Government to see that its subjects are happy. Again, in the ancient village there was no drinking at all. Perhaps some people might have resorted to drink unnoticed by the elders. But now the Government have opened toddy shops and the hard earnt money of the labourer goes to the excise department. Again the land revenue system was good. The ryot used to grow crops and if he grew anything he used to pay ¼ or 1/6th of the produce as revenue. If he did not grow anything, he did not pay revenue. Let me take an example. 2 intelligent people establish a textile mill in a rural area in the ancient times. Naturally it supplied cloth cheaply to the 5 or 10 neighbouring villages. As a result of the same, the rural industry - the charaka = was ruined. So also is the case with the British, who came here only to do business. But through deceit, as is known through history, they established an empire. Now, they have made us their slaves. They are ruling over us in an intelligent way. This is knowr as the Bania system of administration. They are finding out all ways and means to squeeze out all the money from us - through business. Before their advent, India was famous for thin transparent cloth usually known as Dacca Muslin. But the entire industry was ruined in many ways. It is said that the thumbs of the labourers were cut down after paying them 300 or 400 rupees. They put huge tariffs in foreign countries upon the cloth and as a result of it, the same could not be marketted. All possible means were adopted to put an end to the industry. When the textile industry was ruined, the connected industries also were ruined. Again, the land revenue policy was thoroughly changed after their adver The ryot has to pay revenue whether he grows crops or not. Even our Government have said that the ryots have to pay revenue since there is law to that effect, even though they do not grow crops. Again, after the advent of the British toddy shops were opened and toddy manufacture became the

the monopoly of the Government. I can surely say that the drinking habit grew more and more on account of the British rule. In short, the economic condition of the people has become very bad. Before the advent of the British about 70 to 80% were agriculturists. But now the number has gone up to 90% even. Almost every ryot is heavily indebted. Many a time he sells his cattle to meet his demands. Mahatmaji wants to better the conditions of masses. He wants to make us independent. While speaking about Khadi I remember the ~~xxxx~~ words of Mr. J.C. Kumarappa. Rencently he has said that it is great sin to buy the mill-cloth. It is as though buying the ornaments of child who is killed by a dacoit. When the ornaments are seen the face of the child comes to the mind. So also is the case with Khadi. As soon as mill cloth is seen, the labour of millions of workmen comes to mind and how the blood of the labourers is sapped also comes to the mind. Hence mill cloth is not to be bought. Khadi only should be purchased. The evils of industrialisation are immense. First of all, industrialisation began in England and then it spread to other countries. Even small countries manufacture vast amount of commodities and export it to other countries. Thus they want good markets for their goods. The present war also is being waged to get countries for their commodities. In short, human beings have become slaves of mills. The only way to become human beings again is to revive rural industries. No doubt, all of us have great respect towards Mahatmaji. We worship him. But we must also make up our minds to spin yarn everyday. I request every one of you to do as Messrs. Rajaram Iyengar and Tagadur Ramachandra Rao have said. Khadi is prepared by our own people. Mostly it is prepared by the poor. I request all of you to buy Khadi. I thank the secretary of the Khaddhar Co-operative Society, Limited, for asking me to preside over this meeting. Similarly I thank you for coming over here and making this function a success.

Mr. B. Narayanaswami, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

The programme of the second day of Gandhi Jayanthi has

has come an end. To-morrow also we will sell Khadi in the streets. When we approach you, please buy Khadi. In the evening a public meeting will be held in this same place at 6-30 P.M. It will be held under the auspices of the Harijan Sevak Sangh. Mr. S.N.Appanna Iyengar, Retired Assistant - Commissioner will preside. All of you are requested to attend the same.

Lastly, I thank Mr. Nijalingappa for presiding over this meeting. Again I thank Messrs. Rajaram Iyengar and Tagadur Ramachandra Rao for their lucid speeches. I thank them on behalf of the Khaddar Co-operative Society also. In the end, I thnak you for coming over here and making this - function a success.

Then the meeting terminated with several cries of Jais at 7-30 P.M.

The speeches did not create much impression.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, District Police Office,
Mysore, Dated, 4-10-41.

Copy of the above is submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Mysore, for information.

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Dear Mr. Sastry,

got understand ~~from the police reports~~ that Mr. Rajaram Iyengar Supt, Baidanwal Khadi Centre, took part in the proceedings of the meeting held in the Town Hall, Mysore, on the 3rd Oct 1941, in connection with the observance of "Mahathma Gandhi Jayanthi"

I am desired to state that it is not desirable for him to get himself mixed up in meetings organised on a political basis ~~a political party~~

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Mr. K. SUBBA RAO, B.A.,
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My dear Sir,

I send herewith, for the information of Government, copy of Mysore District Police Superintendent's report S.B.No.53/41-42 dated the 5th instant, regarding the proceedings of the meeting held in the Town Hall, Mysore, on the 4th instant in connection with the observance of "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi".

Yours sincerely,

K. Subba Rao

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
(CAMP) MYSORE.

S.B.No. 53 /41-42.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore District Harijan Sevak Sangh in connection with the observance of "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi" in the Town Hall, Mysore, on Saturday the 4th October 1941 at 7 P.M. About 75 people attended the meeting. The assemblage consisted mostly of Harijans and petty shop-keepers. Mr. S.N.Appanna Iyengar, Retired Assistant Commissioner, Mysore presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

Mr. K.Seshadri, Secretary of the Mysore District Harijan Sevak Sangh spoke thus.-

I think you know the programme of this day through the hand-bills widely distributed in the City. The Mysore District Harijan Sevak Sangh will observe Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi this day. Now we are observing the 73rd birthday of Mahatmaji. In this connection, I request Mr. S.N.Appanna Iyengar, Retired Assistant Commissioner to preside over this meeting. He evinces keen interest in the welfare of Harijans. Even when he was in Government Service, he used to have a very sympathetic view to harijan problems. Even now, he has been working a good deal. If his work is to be seen, one must go to the places where he is working. In those places, he is almost reckoned as one in every family. It is our fortune that we have secured him as our President. Now, I request him to preside over this meeting. (Claps).

Mr. S.N.Appanna Iyengar, Retired Assistant Commissioner, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

I must say that we are observing a festival. We are observing the 73rd birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. Though he is an old man, yet he is working like an young boy. There are many speakers. After they speak, I will speak a few words in the end. Now some Harijan boys will perform - "Bhajan". (Then "Bhajan" was performed by some Harijan boys).

Mr. B.Narayanaswami, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

I want to announce the programme of to-morrow in the beginning of the meeting itself. As usual, we sell Khadi after 8-30 A.M. All of you know the love that Mahatmaji has towards Khadi. Hence all of you must make it a point to buy something when we approach you to-morrow. Though our sales are

are not to our expectations, they are not bad. But we must see that the sale amount rises day by day. Again in the evening a public meeting will be held in this same place under the Presidentship of Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy. It will be held under the auspices of the Mysore City Municipal/Congress party. All of you are requested to attend the same. Even before that, the congress people will visit Kannegowdan Koppal at 2-30 P.M. in order to clean the debris. There also your presence is requested. (Claps).

Mr. S.N.Appanna Iyengar, Retired Assistant Commissioner, next spoke thus.-

Mr. K.Seshadri introduced to the President and the audience 2 Harijan Graduates. One was an M.A. and the other a B.A.(Hons.).

There are many speakers. Each speaker must take as much time as is quite necessary. First of all, I request Sri. B.Indiramma to speak. It is always the case to give preference to laides since ancient times. This is even seen in the names of Gods, such as Sitharama, Lakshminarayan etc. Now Sri. Indiramma will speak.

Sri. B.Indiramma, Superintendent, Women's Training College, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

When I was asked by Mr. Seshadri to speak here in connection with Gandhi Jayanthi, I was very glad to accept the invitation. This day we are observing the 73rd birthday of Mahatmaji. It is very rare indeed that the birthdays of people are observed on a grand scale even when they are alive. Till now, there is no example of this sort except that of Gandhiji. It is our fortune that he is alive and we pray God to give him long life. (Since the speaker spoke in a low tone, the audience shouted that she should speak louder. At this time Mr. K.Seshadri appealed to the audience to keep quiet). I will only tell you a few words, since there are many speakers. At the same time, you must excuse me for speaking in a low tone. Khadi manufacture is the favourite programme of Mahatmaji. First of all the elders must wear Khadi. Then only the children will wear it.

wear it. So also is the case with other things. Mahatmaji says that every one must utter Truth only and that Truth is God. In this case also, it is the duty of the elders to teach the boys to utter truth only. The children will - listen to the words of the parents. When they begin to attend schools, they will listen to the words of the teachers. Hence it is the duty of the teachers and parents to train the - children in a good way. Infancy and boyhood are such periods in life that everything can be impressed very easily upon children at that time. This advice is usually given in the way of telling stories. Secondly, I must say that Mahatmaji has not only taught the principle but also brought into - practice. The other important quality that we find in Gandhiji is social service. This is a vast field. No one can lay down any hard and fast rule according to which one should serve humanity. There are innumerable ways to ameliorate the conditions of the distressed. When we want to begin the work, the work may appear to be very difficult. But after-wards, it will be easy. Once you begin, everyting will be easy. Mahatmaji is trying to cement the gulf between the rich and the poor and high born and low born. Harijan Up- lift is one of the favourite programmes of Gandhiji. He has dedicated his life for the upliftment of Harijans. When he advocated the cause of improvement of Harijans, the caste Hindus objected him, and even now he has to face the ~~the~~ sanatanists. But Gandhiji has gone through the Vedas and other ancient records and has shown that there is no founda- tion for untouchability ~~in~~ in them. It is the duty of the caste hindus to cultivate a broad mind and to treat the - Harijan brethren as their equals. Then only there may be unity among all sects in Hinduism. Mahatmaji has said that if untouchability remains Hinduism dies and if Hinduism should remain untouchability should be removed root and branch.(Claps Everything cannot be done at one and the same time. But any work may be done bit by bit. So also is the case with - Harijan Uplift. If the elders set themselves as examples

examples, the children will follow them, since the children have that faculty to imitate others. I have taken much time. Now, let us pray God to give Mahatmaji long life. (Claps).

Mr. T.Mariappa, Advocate and Vice-President, Mysore City Municipality, next spoke thus.-

This day is set apart for the Harijan Sevak Sangh to observe the Gandhi Jayanthi. The Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations began from the 2nd instant. On that day, the leaders have told you the life-history of Gandhiji. It is very rare indeed the birthday celebration of any person will be celebrated in a grand scale. I must say that Mahatma is a world famous person. Seeing the distressed condition of the people of India, he is working through the Indian National Congress to establish independence. This is the political field. In the same way, he has begun many works to relieve the poor people of India through various ways. Much can be said upon every work that he has done and he has been doing. Firstly, to free us from slavery, he is working through the Indian National Congress. Secondly, to relieve bad economic condition of the masses, he has established a department of Khadi under the guidance of Sjt. Shankarlal - Banker, who has dedicated his life for the Khadi work. Every department is working throughout India as its unit. Next, he has established another department to revive rural industries under the guidance of Mr. Kumarappa. To have a common - language, he has opened a department which is working under Mr. Kaka Kalelkar. To reform the system of education according to the our needs, he has opened another department which is working under Mr. Aryanayagam. To look after Harijan Uplift, he has opened another department which is looked after by rich and wealthy people like Mr. Thakkar Baba and Sri. Rameswari Nehru. All these departments are working under the guidance of Mahatmaji. There is no work which is dearer to him than the Harijan work. Mr. Appanna Iyengar has done a lot of work in this field. Now, I will tell you a

you a few words regarding the Harijan problem and its connection with the Mysore Congress. This can be seen from th political point view. But it is only to get a few appointments in Government Service. But this problem must be see from the social point of view. Unless the old sort of men lity changes, there is no salvation. For the present ther are 30 R.A. members and 4 L.C. members of Harijans. Suppose all the members of Representative Assembly and Legislative Council were Harijans, then also the social problem will remain the same. That is why Mahatmaji has dedicated his life to the cause of Harijans. The Mysore Congress also has done a good deal to them. On the Congress ticket many people have entered the R.A. and the L.C. As spoken in the Assembl recently, Ramanujacharya had the greatest foresight and he was the person who gave no difference of treatment between caste hindus and harijans. In the Congress governed provinces, temple entry bill was passed. In the latest "Tai Nadu" you may see that the Travancore Government has declined grant to temples if they do not admit persons of all castes into the temples. All this is due to the lead given to us by Mahatmaji. From the political point of view also there must be unity. It must not cease with getting some appointments. The social and economic problems must be successfully tackled. When the Harijans were granted separate electorates, Mahatmaj began his historic fast until joint electorates were given to Harijans. Before he undertook his fast, he said that he will fast unto death if his demand was not conceded. Thus, he has dedicated his whole life for the upliftment of the harijans. We are very glad that we have joint electorates in Mysore under the new reforms. On account of the separate electorates, in British India the Muslims are claiming a - separate portion of India for themselves. Regarding Temple Entry in Mysore, much cannot be done in the Legislature; sinc public opinion must first of all be created and collected. We will be doing the same within a short time. Lastly, we pray God to give Mahatmaji long life (Claps).

Mr. H.Subba Rao, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

The subject may be good. But the speaker who speaks upon it may not be well-informed. My condition is similar to that case. I want to tell you 3 episodes in the life of Mahatmaji connected with Harijans. The first instance took place in 1909 when he was in South Africa. He had employed a Harijan clerk, who was taking his food in the house of Gandhiji. It was Gandhiji's wish and order that the plate in which the Harijan clerk ate must be cleaned by his wife. She was doing it with much displeasure. On one day Gandhiji noticed and pushed her out of the gate of the house telling that she had done an unpardonable mistake in violating his orders. Then his wife complained to him at that time that it was not right on his part to oost her from the house; tha she had no place to go; that she could not go to Indian eve and that he must not have done such a work. Then Gandhiji understood his mistake and took her into the house and from that time, he believe that women also have a right to hold their own views in spite of being wives. Further he understood that husbands have no control to treat their - wives as slaves. Since then he is trying for the emancipation of women. The second instance is the historic fast that he undertook when the Harijans were granted Separate electorates. The same has been told to you already. That was in 1932. Again in 1939 another incident happened. Sri. Kasturibai Gandhi wanted to see Jagannath. Sjt. Mahadev Desai, Private Secretary of Gandhiji took her to that temple. When they returned, Mahatmaji took objection and said that such a person as Mahadev Desai ought not to have taken her to Jagannath which has no admittance to Harijans. As a consequence Mahadev Desai was in incognito for about 9 months along with Mr. Abdul Gaffar Khan. Then he joined Mahatmaji. (Claps). In short, Mahatmaji has sacrificed his life and his all for the cause of the Harijans.

Mr. Chennigiramiah, Member of the Legislative Council Tumkur, next spoke thus.-

It is known to you through the hand-bills that we are

are celebrating Gandhi Jayanthi this day. The subject of the day also is known to you and I need not speak anything regarding Congress or Government. I cannot speak refined Kannada. Hence I may commit some mistakes. Please excuse me if I commit the same. I will place before you one or two matters and close my speech. First of all I must tell you the relation-ship between the Mysore District Harijan Sevak Sangh and Mahatmaji. Secondly I must tell you the services rendered by Mahatmaji to our community. At the outset I must say that Mahatmaji is an incaranation of God. Even while he was a boy, he was coming into contact with Harijan boys. This was so, because he was not an ordinary being. Many a time he used harijan boys to his house, to which his mother objected. But he convinced her that they were also human beings, and had an equal right to move with them. In the political field, he has come to the conclusion that Swaraj cannot be established without the upliftment of harijans. In 1930 Dr. Ambedkar and Gandhiji had gone to the R.T.C. that was held in England. Dr. Ambedkar represented the harijans. He said that Swaraj cannot be established on account of the Harijans who are down trodden by the Hindus themselves. Since that time, Mahatmaji has been doing his utmost for harijans. When the separate electorate were given to harijans Mahatmaji observed his historic fast and his demand for the joint electorate to harijans was conceded according to Poona Paat that was signed at that time. (Claps). Mahatmaji believes in "Varnashramadharma". But he cannot put it into practice. In the practical way he argues. If all the people are accommodated, he has no objection for the old interpretation to be put in practice. He says that every Muslim, every Harijan and every other person must be accommodated first of all. When first the joint electorates were given in the new reforms for the Harijans, I was against it. So also I was against the name "Harijan" being given to us. When I was convinced by responsible per-

persons about the necessity for the joint electorates, and the suitability for the name "Harijans", I had no objection for the both. The word "Harijan" means the people who are dear to God. The people who follow a right and good way are near and dear to God. Thus the word "Harijan" is a very good word. In this connection, I must say it is sheer - absurd for the Caste Hindus to ill-treat us. We are born in the Hindu faith. We worship their Gods and Goddessess. We have their own names. Even cats and dogs will access to their house; but not ~~xxxxx~~ Harijans. (Claps). This must vanish. The sooner the better. It is said that one of the Alwars of Sri Vaishnava Faith is a Harijan by name - Nippani Alwar. When that is the case, I do not know the reason why the Caste Hindus ill-treat us. Further it is we who make the Caste Hindus Sowcars, by working day and night. Though our Government are helping us in some ways, they are not sufficient. Our condition is so helpless that we cannot possibly educate our children. Mahatmaji is - collecting subscriptions for Harijans and our students are getting scholarships from that fund./ Is it good for this progessive State to keep quiet in this respect? They must increase their help and see that more Harijans are educated. Lastly our depressed economic condition may be due to the drain by the foreigners. But we are sure to reach our aim under the able guidance of Mahatmaji. Let God give him many more years of ~~xxxx~~ healthy life (Claps).

Further our R.A.members were not allowed to luch with other

(Then the President distributed Khadi caps to Harijan boys. The caps are said to have been supplied by the - Secretary, Khaddhar Co-operative Society, Limited, Mysore).

Mr. K.Siddiah of Adikarnatakapur (R.A.Member)Mysore, next spoke thus.-

This day we are observing the 73rd birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. In his youngage he went to England and educated himself and then returned to India. Afterwards he went to South Africa. Leaving away his practice, he devoted his attention to uplift the depressed classes. Then he returned to India. He is doing his best for the upliftment of the

of the harijans. (Claps). I close my speech since there are many speakers.

Mr. Hanumanthiah, Jalapuri, Mysore, next spoke thus.

According to the orders of the President, I am standing before you to speak a few words. My predecessors have all told you everyting and I do not want to repeat the same I am glad that our President is taking keen interest in our welfare. May God give him long life and prosperity. Agai let us all pray the Almighty to give Mahatmaji a long life. (Claps).

Mr. T.C.Gowda, R.A.Member, next spoke thus.-

The only one person who has dedicated his whole life in every way to the cause of the Harijans is Mahatmaji. The speeches of my predecessors have much impressed you. I need not tell you anything. But I may tell you this much that we must fight out for our rights and then only we will get them. The Caste Hindus must ~~a broad outlook~~ be broad minded and treat us well. Until we come up socially there is no salvation for us Let us all pray God to give long life and ~~xxxxx~~ prosperity to our President and Mahatmaji.(Claps).

Mr. Deviah, M.A., who took his degree recently, next spoke thus.-

Many Harijans also have come here. I must tell you first of all that Mahatmaji is an incarnation of God. India cannot claim him for herself only. All other nations in the world claim him as their leader. That is to say he is a person of international reputation. Mahatmaji has sacrificed his all for our sake. There is no avocation in life, in which his influence is not seen. In politics, in economics, in revival of rural industries, in harijan uplift and in other fields also he has done a good deal. He has shown to the world that untouchability has no foundation even in the Vedas. The best way to uproot untouchability is that the Caste Hindus must cultivate a broad outlook and then only it will be removed. (Claps.

Mr. S.N.Appanna Iyengar, Retired Assistant Commissioner, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

Now, all the speakers have finished their speeches. You have listened to them peacefully. I do not want to speak more, since it is already getting very late. Mahatma Gandhi has been doing utmost for the sake of Harijans. The Poona Pact is the evidence for his efforts to uplift the Harijans. Again regarding the temple entry he has been straining every nerve. Further he is collecting subscriptions to help the harijan students. It is our fortune that we are living in his lifetime and our harijan brethren are being led by him. It is high time that the caste hindus should cultivate a broad out-look and treat the harijans well (Claps). Lastly, let us all pray God to give Mahatmaji a long life. (Claps).

Mr. K.Seshadri, Secretary, Mysore District Harijan Sevak Sangh, next spoke thus.-

Now, it is my duty to thank all the people who have taken part in this function and who have made it a success. Whatever we may say, we cannot go very forward in the social sphere, since we must face facts. Mr.Channigiramiah said that the Harijan R.A.Members were not given facilities to lunch with other people. It is a regretful and the congress people will look to it. Regarding Gandhiji everything is told. He is an extraordinary person. Such a person has not taken his birth since 5000 years. Now I must thank Sri Indiramma, Messrs. H.Subba Rao, Chennigiramiah and others fo their speeches and Mr.Appanna Iyengar for having kindly consented to preside over the meeting. Further the Secretary of Khaddhar Co-operative Society also is to be thanked for the gift of khadi caps. Lastly I thnak you also for coming ove here. Now Bhajan will take place. Then the meeting terminat

After the Bahjan, the meeting came to a close at 8-30 with cries of Jais.

The speeches did not create much impression.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
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Mysore, Dated, 5-10-41.

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My dear Sir,

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I send herewith, for the information of Government, copies of the marginally noted S.B. reports received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, Mysore.

1. S.B.No.53/41-42 dated the 6th October 1941 regarding the proceedings of the meeting held in the Town Hall, Mysore, on the 5th October 1941 in connection with the observance of "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi".	
2. S.B.No.53/41-42 dated the 7th October 1941 regarding the proceedings of the meeting held in the Town Hall, Mysore, on the 6th October 1941 in connection with the observance of "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi".	

Yours sincerely,

R. Seeema Rao

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
(CAMP) M Y S O R E.

S.B.No.53 /41-42.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore City Municipal Council Congress Party in connection with the observance of "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi" in the Town Hall, Mysore, on Sunday the 5th October 1941 at 7 P.M. About 100 people consisting of students, local congressites, some R.A. members and petty shop-keepers attended the meeting. Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy of Kolar presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

~~xxfxxx~~ Mr. P.Seetharamiah, Advocate, Mysore, spoke thus

Before requesting Mr. Changalarayareddy to preside over the meeting, I wish to speak a few words. From 3 to 5-30 P.M. the Congress people and some citizens of Mysore cleaned the debris in Kannegowdan Koppal. Even Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy, ~~xx~~ president of this meeting and leader of Congress party in the Assembly also swept the debris. Though he has enormous work connected with the Assembly, he spared a few hours for this work. I thank him for the same. Now, I request him to preside over this meeting and ~~xxxx~~ conduct its proceedings.

Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy of Kolar next spoke thus.-

Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi is being observed everywhere. In Mysore also, it is being observed since the 2nd instant. This is the 4th day in the celebrations. Every day, some favourite principle of Gandhiji will be chosen as the subject and speeches will be delivered upon the same. I do not want to speak in the beginning itself. We observe many birthdays of important people. This is only with a view to remember their life-history and try to follow their footsteps. What Mahatmaji has been doing is known to all of you. Sweeping the debris in the villages is one of the favourite items of work of Gandhiji. He takes much interest in it. In accordance with the advice of Mahatmaji, the Congress contested the Municipal Elections and all the Congress candidates became successful. They got such a success unparallelled in India or in the world. In this connection, the credit goes to you. Apart from that, I have to close my speech now, since there are many speakers. It is my duty to introduce them. But since they are well-known to you, I do not do it. Messrs. T.Mariappa, Venkatappa, Narasimha Iyengar, Subbaraya Upadhyaya will speak. (Claps).

Mr. T.Mariappa, Advocate and Vice-President, City Municipality, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

According to the advice of Mahatmaji, Congress took part in the City Municipal Elections. And we got a phenomenal success. This is due to Mahatmaji and not due to us. Though he is an old man, he is yet working as an young person. There is no necessity for me to tell you the great services he has rendered to our country. You have listened to many speeches since the 2nd instant. This day, the Mysore City Municipal Council Congress party has arranged for this meeting in order to contribute its quota. This day all of us went to Kannegowdankoppal to clean the debris. Mr.Changalaraya Reddy had done the same work at Wardah. It is our fortune that we have secured him as our President. Now I will tell you the programme of the Municipal Council regarding the cleaning of debris &c. On the 7th December last, the Municipal Elections took place. In January the fresh council met. The Congress members of the Municipal council are working under the leadership of Mr.P.Seetharamiah. What-ever work we have to do, we have to do it according to our income. Once in a year we will prepare a receipt and expenditure statement. The Municipal Council wants to do some substantial work that can be seen by the public. We have set apart Rs.32,000/- for repairing and constructing roads in the localities where poor people live. We have set apart Rs.10,000/- for building houses at a cheap rate and sell them to poor people. Wherever necessary we are building urinals and lavatories. There are 640 scavengers and health maistries whose welfare must be looked after. Mahatmaji and Thakkar Bapa also have been repeatedly telling to better the conditions of these people. The pay of a scavenger begins from Rs.7 and ends with Rs.13. They have no pension after retirement. To remedy this wrong, we have given them Provident Fund benefit. They have to pay 1 annas in a rupee and we pay them ½ annas in a ruppe. When they retire, we will give them the amount with 3½% interest. We have opened a Co-operative stores to free them with the hands of moneylenders and shop-keepers. The children of the

the scavengers are encouraged to go to schools and facilities are provided for their education. Good medical aid is given to them. Doctors are instructed to move in that place and give them medicine. Again the rules and laws of the Municipality are strict. We want to amend them. We are doing it gradually. We want to see that the people get civic consciousness. We travel in every Mohalla 2 days in every month and enquire thexx grievances of the people. Further we want to do some propaganda work. The people of Mysore are only showy. Even 5% of the population do not know the rules and laws of the Municipality. We want to tell the people their duties and privileges. The power given to the Municipal Council is absolutely nothing. If they give anything through one hand, the same will be taken away by the other. The President has been given power to overrule everything. From many years, we have not got a non-official President. This is a very regrettable fact. But we must try to have a non-official President at all costs. Under the new reforms, 2 non-official ministers are appointed and there is a non-official minister for local self-government. Yet there are no reforms in this field. He speaks many a time in the R.A. and the L.C. of the advisibality of complete freedom of local bodies. But the same has not been given effect. If he wanted to do the same, we ought to have got the non-official President within one month after he occupied that post. In the history of the workld, nobody has given power as charity. It must always be taken out of some peoples' hands. There is no use in mere speeches If we do our work with sincerity and a keen heart, Mahatmaji will be pleased. Now, I close my speech.

Mr. V.Venkatappa of Chennapatna next spoke thus.-

The Mysore City Municipal Council is observing Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi. I am telling so because all the elected members of the Council are congressites. Besides them, there 6 nominated people and a President. Recently my friend has said that the work of cleaning debris was done by many Congress Municipal Councillors and others. Till a few years ago, the

the places in the Municipal Council, the Representative - Assembly, the Legislative Council were looked upon with great respect. Every one aspired for it. The members of the same were looked with respect and honour. But now it is not so. Mahatmaji has revised our opinion. No one can get honour - whether he be wealthy, educated or born in a high family. It is only those people who do something to ameliorate the condition of the masses ~~who~~ will be respected. This kind of kide is now prevailing. All this is due to Mahatmaji. There are many welathy people in the world. They are so wealthy that they count money by buckets. Yet they are not as much honoured as Mahatmaji. Mahatmaji is the foremost among the 7 world - famous people. (Claps). As the president said, we observe the Jayanthis of many people in order to remember their doing and try to follow their foot-steps. If the Municipal Councillors and prominent leaders of the State sweep debris in Mysore, it is due to Mahatmaji. This is not a mean work at all. Jamnalal Bajaj, Birla and others do this work. This is a most important work to humanity. In short Mahatmaji has taught us "dignity of labour". Another matter that I want to tell you is this that the foreign education sowed in us inferiority complex. It had grown in us to such an extent that we were even ashamed to say that we were ~~xxxxxx~~ men. I must say that it is Mahatmaji who gave us our manhood, who taught us that we are capable of doing anything provided we are given a chance to do any work. (Claps). If we have been successful in the recent elections, it is due to Mahatmaji and not due to our individual greatness. (Claps). So also was the case in British India. When the new reforms were introduced, the Congress contested the elections though they repeatedly said that the reforms were not satisfactory, and that no power had been given to the ministers. The Congress wanted to show to the world the hollowness of the reforms. But even then, all the responsible people including the Viceroy and the Governors have definitely said that the rule of the Congress ministers were far better than that of others. (Claps). This certificate

certificate has sealed the mouths of those people who used to say that the Indians are incapable of doing any work and that they cannot be entrusted with any responsible work (Claps). Again all this is due to Mahatmaji. The immense discipline that he has imposed upon the Congress people is responsible to get good certificates. The ministers of Madras were taking a pay of Rs.500/- only a month, though Madras is four times - bigger than Mysore. As sooh as the Congress ministry came to power, a resolution was brought to the effect that the minist must take ~~only~~ Rs.500/- only. Then Rt. Hon. V.S.Sreenivasa - Sastry said that Mr. Rajagopalachari and his followers had sacrificed much; but yet the pay of the ministers should be a least Rs.1,000/- if they have to keep up to the status of ~~ax~~ ministers. Then Mr. C.Rajagopalachari said that he had to take Rs.500/- when ~~xxxx~~ people like Rt. Hon. V.S.S.Sastri had to take Rs.43/-. Mr. Rajagopalachari and his followers did such an amount of work which was ~~ax~~ not even dreamt by the people. All this is due to Mahatmaji. In short, I must say that he made us human beings. As an example, I may say that we had no facility to observe this Jayanthi in the Town Hall during the previous years. Then ~~we~~ held the meetings in the maidan. After some time we were prohibited from holding meetings even there. That was the kind of policy of our Government. But now this Hall ~~xxx~~ is at our disposal to observe this Jayanthi as long as we want. (Claps). Some years ago, while certain students observed Gandhi Jayanthi, some disciplinary action was taken against them. I know this as a fact. See the difference between the policy of the Government that was followed then and now. All this is due to Mahatmaji. If Mahatmaji had done the same penance as he is doing now, he might have seen God. But he wanted to make us human beings and he has made us so (Claps). He is prepared to get Swaraj for us provided we do as he bids us to do. But we have no power to carry out his programme. Surely we will get Swaraj within his lifetime. Once he said that he would get us Swaraj within a year, provided we follow his programme. But we could

could not follow his programme. Mahatmaji will be very glad if we try our best to follow his principles in our daily life. He has been very glad of the success of the Congress in the recent elections. Since there are many speakers, I will close my speech after praying God to give him a long life in order to protect us. (Claps.)

Mr. B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

First of all I must think whether I have any capacity to speak upon the subject of this day. If I have to speak upon the life of Mahatmaji, probably I may cut a sorry figure just as the ant did when it wanted to measure an elephant. - Mahatmaji is an extraordinary person. You know everything regarding him since many speakers have told you his life history and his works. You are reading English newspapers and you may know that there is only one person in the world who criticises every one in a right manner giving a due share to one's qualities whether good or bad. He is George Bernard Shaw. He has read the autobiographies of Mr. Churchill and Mahatmaji. Mr. Churchill has written his own works and - doings. But Mahatmaji has written what he has done and what he will do. More than all, he has accepted his faults and weaknesses in the eyes of the world. From this point of view, George Bernard Shaw says that Mahatmaji is the greater of the two; and that he is really a Mahatma. Recently you have been told that Congress Municipal Councillors and others swept debris in Kannegowdan Koppal. There is no service - greater than cleaning the debris. Our Municipal Councillors are doing a good deal of work. They might have done even more work. But there are some restrictions. They have no power at all. Though all the elected members are the Congressites, there is no non-official President. The people must give more power to the Municipal Councillors. They must support them. Then the Municipal Councillors will put a - detailed programme, which must get your support. They are prepared to do any work provided they have power and your

your support. It is in your hands to get a non-official President to the Municipality. If you give the Municipal Councillors full support, within 3 years surely there will b a non-official President to our Municipality. When you do this, you will be serving Mahatmaji also, since the cleaning of debris and keeping the locality in good sanitation are the favourite programmes of Mahatmaji. Now I close my spee

Mr. P.Seetharamiah, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus.

I do not want to speak for a long time. Mr. K.Changa rayareddy will speak within a short time. You are requeste to sit quiet and listen to his speech. This day the Munici pal Councillors and many others have swept debris in Kanne- gowdan Koppal. I am very grateful to them. All this is the influence of Mahatmaji. You have listened to many speech delivered regarding the works of Gandhiji. As you know all the 24 elected elected seats in the City Municipality are captured by the Congressites. This is due to the "sacrifice' of Mahatmaji. The creed of non-violence that is preached by him is even found in the Bible. That way is to reform the mind of the opponent through non-violence. This must be done even at the risk of one's own life. Mr. T.Mariappa has told you the facilities given by the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Municipal Council to the scavengers. We are arranging to construct bath-rooms in every Mohalla. So also we want to open reading rooms. All these will help the public to a good deal. Another thing that we are proud of to place before you is the literacy - campaign. The University Literacy Council have undertaken the work to open night classes for adults. The Municipality also is co-operating with them and doing its best in the - matter. There are about 20,000 adult illiterates in the City. At least within 5 years we want to see that there are no illiterates here. Again we are paying much attention to sweeping/debris and clearing in the busy localities. Recently the number of Mahila Samajas has incrased and they women also are marching forward. As Mr. Subbaraya Upadhyaya has said, it is in - your hands to get a non-official President to the Municipality

Municipality. You must demand for the same. Now we are visiting 2 days in a month every Mohalla with a view to know the grievances of the people. If required, we are prepared to visit every Mohalla ~~xxxxxxx~~ twice in every week. The other important point that I want to impress upon you is regarding hand-pounded rice. While I was a boy, I quite remember that nearly 75,000 people were eking out their livelihood through this home industry. After the advent of Mills, all these people are thrown out of employment. When there were no Mills, the people who were eking out their livelihood through this industry were rich also. Now, we do not know the advantages of having hand-pounded rice. We eat milled rice and become victims of diabetes & other diseases. The other thing that I want to tell you is that all of you must take to spinning. Daily I spin for 2 hours and the clothes that I wear are manufactured out of the yarn I spin. Spinning teache patience and contentment. Lastly, I pray God to give Mahatma Gandhi long life to protect us. (Claps).

Mr. B.Narayanaswami, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

I have not stood before you to speak for a long time. I am here to announce the programme of to-morrow. As usual we sold Khadi to-day morning. Khadi worth Rs.200/- was sold. To-morrow also Khadi will be sold at 8-30 A.M. In the evening there will be a public meeting in this same place, under the auspices of Mysore Yuvajana Sangha. Mr. V.Venkatappa will preside. You are requested to attend the same.

Mr. K.Chandalaraya Reddy, of Kolar ~~District~~ next spoke thus.-

Just now, You have listened to the speech of Mr.P.Seeth ramiah. Many people have already spoken during the observanc of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi. At this time, I do not want to speak much. You cannot misunderstand me if I say that I have been disgusted of speaking in the Assembly and other places. I will speak for only 5 minutes and close this meeting. As my predecessors have said it is very difficult to speak re-garding Mahatmaji, just as it is difficult to speak upon -

upon Bhagavat Gita. Just as God is found every-where, so also Mahatmaji has become "Dharma Vyapi". (Claps). Mahatma - Gandhiji's reputation is not only found in Mysore, and India, but also in the whole world and this day everywhere his - Jayanthi is being observed. As an example to show that he has a world-wide reputation, it may be said that he will certainly responsible for the new world order after termination of this war. For the present, the great people of the day for some may be Mr. Churchill, Mr. Roosevelt or Hitler. But all their principles are based upon "Himsa". Whereas the principle of Mahatmaji is "Non-violence". There is no doubt when it is said that he is an incarnation of God. Really we are proud that he is born in India and is leading India to her independence. He is an ornament to India. Whatever the world-order will be after this war, certainly Mahatmaji will have a hand in it. (Claps). It is our fortune that we are living in his lifetime. We must understand his - principles and try to bring them into practice in our daily life. Since twenty years, he has been preaching the creed of non-violence. He is asking us to wear Khadi. But we are not listening to his words. The percentage of population who wear Khadi may be 10. Mostly we will listen to speeches and go away. I request you to wear Khadi only as far as - possible. This day many Municipal Councillors and others swept debris in Kannegowdan Koppal. All this is due to - Mahatmaji or Bapuji. For many years Mahatmaji cleaned the lavatories. Even now, the Ashramites must clean the - lavatories at least twice in a weak by turns. There is no difference between the Ashramites if they are Americans or Europeans. Harijan uplift is another favourite item of Gandhiji's programme. He has been repeatedly telling us that the Caste Hindus must treat the Harijans in a good manner. Thakkar Baba has been repeatedly telling that the salary of a scavenger must not be less than Rs.18/-. The Mysore City - Municipality must pay attention to this. The ancient way of treating the Harijans must disappear. In short, you

you must be prepared to make some sacrifices, whether big or small. Mahatmaji has said that even if Swaraj is established, it must be used for the good of the poor people, if not we would lose it. As I have said before, Mahatmaji is an incarnation of God. He is acting according to his inner voice. When asked if he would come to Mysore, he said that he would only come here to deliver the opening speech of the Representative Assembly which meets after the establishment of Responsible Government. (Claps). Though very old, he still works like an young person. God has given him health and strength. Let us Him give Mahatmaji a long life to protect us, and also to protect the world. Apart from that, the Government has not given a non-official President to our Municipality. As Mr. Subbaraya Upadhyaya has said it is in your hands to get it. Though repeatedly resolutions are being passed in the Municipal Council requesting the Government to give it a non-official President, they have not listened to it. In the Assembly a question was put regarding the same matter. It was said that the demand could not be complied with on account of some reasons. This shows that the present system of administration is not even responsive. There is nothing more to be said. Lastly, I must thank the Mysore City Municipal Council Congress party for asking me to preside over this meeting. I must thank the speakers of the day for their speeches. Similarly, I must thank you also for coming over and listening to the speeches peacefully.

Mr. E.P.Manjappa, Municipal Councillor, Mysore City Municipality, next spoke thus.-

Just before closing this meeting, I want to speak a few words. Mr. Changalaraya Reddy and Congress Municipal Councillors came to the Kanne Gowdan Koppal and swept the debris as ordinary people. I heartily thank them on your behalf. Though Mr. Changalaraya Reddy had much work, he was pleased to spare a few hours. He himself took up a long broom and began to sweep the debris. It is very great indeed

indeed that he has done all this work. Once again I thank Mr. Changalaraya Reddy and the others.

Then the meeting terminated at 8-15 P.M. with cries of several Jais.

The speeches seemed to be effective.

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Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore Yuvajana Sangha in connection with the observance of "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi" in the Town Hall, Mysore, on Monday the 6th October 1941 at 7 P.M. About 100 people consisting of students, local congressites and petty shop-keepers attended the meeting. Mr. V.Venkatappa of Chennapatna presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

Mr. B.Narayanaswami, Pleader, Mysore, spoke thus.-

Yesterday I told you the programme of this day. This meeting has been held under the auspices of the Mysore Yuvajana Sangha. In the morning the members of the Yuvajana Sangha went on Prabhat Pheri. As usual we had khadi selling to-day also. But the sales were not very good. In the afternoon, the members of the Sangha had a competition in spinning At 4-30 P.M. they took the photo of Mahatmaji in procession in the important streets of the City. Now, they are holding a public meeting. On their behalf, I request Mr.V. Venkatap to preside. (Claps).

Mr. V.Venkatappa of Chennapatna next spoke thus.-

The members of the Mysore Yuvajana Sangha are observin Mahatmaji's Jayantni. They laid down a programme to observe the same and they have followed it. Mr. T.Mariappa is the President of the Sangha. He will first speak regarding the aims of the Sangha. The other speakers will speak regarding Mahatmaji's life. Now, I request Mr. T.Mariappa to speak.

Mr. T.Mariappa, Advocate & Vice-President of the Mysore City Municipality, next spoke thus.-

The Yuvajana Sangha has been established with two aims. If any work is to be done, a band of youngsters willing to work is required. In Mysore also, we have many youngsters who are willing to work a good deal. Every day they are holding, so to say, night classes between 7 and 9 P.M. when the people of the locality join them. They read life histor of the Indian patriots; teach spinning to the people and read the newspapers and explain the same to them. In short, the are preaching the brotherhood of man. Lavanies also are read In this way, the enthusiasm of the people are roused to lead

lead decent lives. Again they go to Mohallas and awaken the masses. With these ideas the Yuvajana Sangha has been established. It is working since 5 years. When the Sathyagraha was started a group of 12 youngsters first offered themselves for Sathyagraha. Usually they do not come into the political field. They follow the principles laid down by Gandhiji excepting those relating to politics. But when there is a political upheaval in the country, they also plunge into politics. Again small boys are taught reading and writing. The greatest thing that this Sangha is doing is the way in which the people are being filled with fresh enthusiasm to lead decent lives like others. Many people waste their time. They must understand that our life is very short and in this time we have to do some substantial work to relieve the misery of the poor people. The Yuvajana Sangha wants to establish its branches in every Mohalla, and work for the good of the people. They require nothing in return. They do not work like Government servants for the sake of pay. It is the greatest service which does not desire any return. These youngsters are doing this kind of work. They requested the City Congress Committee to permit them to bbserve Gandhi Jayanthi on a particular day during this week. Accordingly, the Congress Committee gave them permission. I thank them for the same (Claps). These youngsters have contributed their quota during this Jayanthi. In the morning they went on Prabhat Pheri. Again they helped us in khadi selling. In the evening they took the photo of Mahatmaji in procession in some of the streets of Mysore. Now they have arranged for this meeting. I request all of you to bless the youngsters on this occasion.

Mr. T.Narasimha Iyengar, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

Since the 2nd instant the Jayanthi is being observed. His Jayanthi is being observed in all parts of the world. Then you may ask me the reason for the same. In Mysore also, we are observing his Jayanthi. What is the relation between Mysore and Mahatmaji? I must tell you that Mahatmaji is a

a person of international fame. He is responsible for uniting India to a great extent. The British have divided India into Indian India and British India with a view to rule over India as long as possible. I am afraid whether India can be divided at all. It is an indivisible India. Many Maharajas do not know the things well. It seems that some Maharaja had taken an elephant along with him to England and he was making use of it for moving from place to place. Some staunch advocates for the union of India say that the Indian India should vanish. This is clearly saying that the Maharajas cannot have a place in the fresh system of administration. But Mahatmaji is not for that at all. He says that all the Maharajas of considerably big provinces shall remain. At the same time, he is saying that the Maharajas should count the times and give more power to the people. He has said that all the people of India are in chains whether they be Maharajas or people. If the people are put in iron chains, the Maharajas are put in gold chains. For the sake of the rights and privileges of the people, Mahatmaji began his historic fast. A Committee was established to recommend the reforms to be introduced in the State. Then he broke his fast. If we have gained any success it is due to him. He is always with us, and is guiding us. He is keenly interested in our welfare and is leading us to attain Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness. Since there are many speakers, I close my speech by requesting you to bless these youngsters on this occasion. (Claps).

Mr. Veerappa of Malavalli next spoke thus.-

A great war is going on in the continent. Thousands of people are killed every day. It is not known whether this will prolong for some or many years. What may happen tomorrow is not known to us. At this time, Mahatma Gandhi is the only person who is preaching Love and Non-violence as the basic principles upon which any empire may be built.(Claps). At the same time, he is applying these principles in politics and working hard to establish complete Swaraj. Just as other countries are independent, he wants India to be independent.

independent. He wants us to be happy and contented. Many people are ~~xkx~~ worshipping him as an incarnation of God. Reall he is. (Claps). Just as Sree Krishna took his birth in - Dvapara Yuga and established Dharma, Mahatmaji has taken his birth in India in order to uplift us. We are very fortunate for having born in his lifetime. Once he has said that his - birthday must not be observed as the birthdays of Sri Ramanu charya or Sri Sankaracharya; but it must be observed by - bringing ~~my~~ his principles into practice in everyday life. I am sure that during the lifetime of Gandhiji we will get Swaraj. For the present, he is conducting a Sathyagraha and it is very successful. Some people like Messrs. K.M.Munshi and Shardula Singh may resign from Congress. But he does not take notice of those thing at all. Of course, it is ver difficult to understand his principle of Non-violence. It ha been so even for great leaders like Sardar Vallabhai Patel ar Mr. C.Rajagopalachari. Many a time, it is very difficult to understand his policy. When Dr.Rajen babu had come to Vinob nagar, he told us that nobody in India could chalk out a prop programme to attain Swaraj except Mahatma Gandhi. When India gets Swaraj, we will get Responsible Government. Just as he is leading the All India National Congress, he is leading us also. He has immense love towards us. When any letters of other State Congresses go to him, his private secretary opens the same. But when a letter from Mysore Congress goes him, h himself opens it. We have gained his confidence to such a great extent as to be nearer to his heart than others.(Claps) Our success in the recent elections and the rule of Congress ministers in 8 British Indian privinces are due to him only and not due to the individual persons concerned. When Mahat Gandhi interviewed the present Viceroy for the first time, he said that ~~if~~ his programme was being successfully carried out, owing present system of administration. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ His programm contains nothing but ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ division of Hindus and Muslims, division of India into Indian and British India and the rule of laws and enactments. At the

At the same time Mahatmaji told him that he had his own programme and if it was successfuly carried out his policy will be shattered. The principles of Mahatmaji are very simple; but it is very difficult to follow them. For example let me take Truth. It is very difficult not to utter falsehood. One has to undergo many ordeals if he has to keep up his oath of uttering Truth only. At the same time what is required of us is complete discipline. During the present ~~Satharana~~ Satyagraha this is clearly seen. All the ministers, members of the provincial Legislatures and the Central Legislatures and members of the District Boards and Municipalities are observing Sathyagraha. The leaders are prepared to sacrifice their lives if it is needed. They will implicitly obey Gandhiji. Mahatmaji has advised us to follow parliamentary programme and when required he will advise us whether to observe Sathyagraha. It is already high time that I should close my speech. There are many speakers. I will tell you another matter and close my speech. The life of a human being is fixed as 100 years. But I say that Mahatmaji should be alive until we get Swaraj. India is in the eastern nemisphere. The Sun rises in the east and sets in the west. So also Mahatmaji has taken his birth here. His principles and ideals will go to the west later on. All the 40 crores of people of India must say that he must be alive until Swaraj is established. Surely then he will be alive till then. (Claps). If we bring his principles into our daily life, then we will be justified in observing Gandhi Jayanthi. With these words, I close my speech.

Mr. Ramalingachari of Kolar District next spoke thus.-

We have been successfully observing Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi. This is not only observed here, but in every par of the world. One of the favourite items of programme of Mahatmaji is Khadi propaganda. It is said that nearly 300 crores of ruppes will be saved by purchasing Khadi only. He had dedicated his life for our good. While Hitler has based his confidence upon & "Himsa", Mahatmaji has based his confidence upon "Ahimsa". The principles of Mahatmaji are based

are based upon the Vedas. Hence it is our duty to bring th into practice. Another thing that I want to tell you is that you should see that this National Flag will be flying always. There is no use from mere talk. Once again, I request all of you to wear Khadi only. Lastly I request you to become 4 anna members of Congress as early as possibl With these words, I close my speech.

Mr.J.Swami Doss, Dismissed School Master, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

It is a very praiseworthy fact that the Yuvajana Sangha is observing Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi. Young people always misspend money. But it is not the case with these people, who are doing some useful work. Usually I was hearing the thundering voice of Mr.H.B.Gundappa Gowda in the Assembly. Now I am not hearing such a high sound as before. Again,I was hearing the thundering words of Mr.V.Venkatappa in the Assembly. Then he was an young man. Now his voice has grown a bit mild. Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy is a very mild person. But he is becoming a forcible speaker. Again I am not hearing the high sound of Messrs. Chennappa and K.T.Bhashyam.The Congress party is working with much discipline. It is working well. We are observing Gandhi Jayanthi. Mahatmaji is more than a human being. He does what all he says. His principles and teachings are alike with that of Christ. Though being a human being and working like a human being, Gandhiji has achieved immortal fame. (Claps). Another things that I want to say is this. Yesterday I saw a beggar woman with he child near the Town Hall when the lecture was going on in the Town Hall. The spectable was heart-rending. The members of the City Municipality must see that we shall not see such figures. The Officers take a heavy salary and they cannot pull on their lives if their salaries are retrenched. I am not saying this with the idea of wrenching from them their love towards their wives and children. But they must look to the difficulties of the poor. The Congress party in the Assembly is working well. There may be many leaders who may become miniature

Mr. T.Rajam Setty, Congress worker, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

I am known as a loud speaker. Hence I do not need another loud speaker. Further, I am a disciple of Gandhiji who is a hater of machines. In that way also, I do not want the loud speaker. Congress was founded some 50 years ago. But until Gandhiji entered Congress, the people were not awakened politically. Now, every body knows that all the people of India are in slavery. This is due to Mahatmaji. On behalf of all the people of Mysore I pay my respects to Gandhiji. When Edward VIII had come to Bombay in 1907, I was at Bombay. Then he was the Prince of Wales. Then I used to wear foreign clothes. At that time, I was preached or taught so to say, the principles of Congress. Since then, I am an humble servant of Congress. Mahatmaji is a very intelligent person. He had gone to the 2nd R.T.C. At that time the Prime Minister of England was Mr.Ramsay Macdonald. On the second day of the Conference, he said that he could not answer to the questions of Mahatmaji. After Gautama Buddha, Gandhiji has taken his birth to preach peace, truth and non-violence. In one way Gandhiji is more than Gautama Buddha who became a Sanyasi. Mahatmaji is yet in "Samsara" and yet is a hermit, politician &c. In his Ashram even serpents do not harm any body. If hands are clapped, they go away. In 1900-31, the newspapers catered a sensational infommation and it was that Mahatmaji had disappeared from the prison. Many people asked me whether it was true. I told them that there were instances when "Mahapurushas" had disappeared, and that I did not know more about it. I thank the caterers of the news. Further, Mahatmaji preaches us Bhakti in God. He asks us to spin. Many a time he has compared the Charaka to Kamadhenu. I request all of you to bring his principles into practice in your daily life. Mr.Malavalli Veerappa said that Gandhiji must be alive till Swaraj is acnieved. I say that he must be alive till Swaraj is got and also for 50 years thereafter. (Claps.).

Mr. B.Narayanaswamy, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke thus. The President will speak after my speech. I will tell a few words and close my speech. All of you know the life history of Gandhiji. The same has been told by many ~~xxx~~ speakers during these days. The relationship between young people and Mahatmaji is said by my predecessors. Gandhi is training young people. He has already trained people like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Jai Prakash Narain. If such people increase in number, surely we will get Swaraj. Since the President wants to speak for a long time, I do not want to speak much. Now I will tell you to-morrow's programme. As usual we will sell khadi at 8-30 A.M. All of you must buy it according to your capacity. I wish to see all you to-morrow to be clad in khadi. In the evening, a public meeting will be held in this same place. The subject will be Mahatmaji and Hindi. All of you are requested to attend. (Claps).

Mr. V.Venkatappa, Congress Worker, Chennapatna, next spoke thus.-

My first duty is to thank the members of the Mysore Yuvajana Sangha for successfully carrying out their programme of observing Gandhi Jayanthi. Leaders like T.Mariappa might have done much work. But young people must take into minds to work a good deal. They are the next generation. The Sangha is doing good work. You must not be satisfied with observing this Jayanthi. Mahatmaji will not be pleased by it. Even if you take ~~xix~~ the photo in procession upon a howdah, he will not be pleased. If you bring his principles into practice, he will be immensely pleased. All of you must read Bhagavat Gita. If you cannot read it, you may read Gandhiji's Autobiography. Bhagavat Gita also stress much upon work. In short, it advised every one to become a Karma yogi. So also is the case with the autobiography of Mahatmaji. There is no use in reading them. You must see your way of putting the principles into practice. If possible, you must read Gandhiji's Autobiography in English. The style is very simple

simple. In style it comes next to Bible. Everybody can understand it. As Mr.Swami Doss said, though born as a huma being, he has done many works which has given him immortal fame. Some people say that he is an incarnation of God. When we say so, we cannot attach much importance to him. The a person has divine power, he can do anything. But if a - human being does the same, then comes the greatness of the person. He has fought with his weaknesses and defects and conquered them. (Claps). Swami Vivekananda has said that every person has some divinity in him. He must understand and realise it. Then there will be no difference between person and person. Hence one must realise one's own self. If any one wants to do a good work, there may be many difficulties. But you must win them with a smile. You may know the difficulties he underwent ~~xxxx~~ in order to maintain his self-respect. He could not tolerate any kind of disrespect towards himself or towards the Indians in general. Once he was travelling in South Africa. At that time there were no motor cars. Travelling was being done in coaches. He paid the fare required and the coachman directed him to sit on the outer part of the carriage. He did so. Then, a Europpean came out to smoke and wanted him to quit that place. Then Mahatmaji did not vacate the seat. Though he was beaten, he did not leave the seat at all. He supported himself with some part of the coach and stood still. Again there was dress restriction for the Indians, since they were classed as - black people. He appeared in Courts with his usual dress only. No barber cut his hair. Then he himself cut his hair. No dhobi washed his clothes. He himself washed his clothes and ironed the same. The Indians were put to such a mean position that they were not permitted to enter the European restaurants or walk in their streets. In short, they treate us, just as we are treating our Adi-karnatakas. Mahatmaji stayed there for a long time and fought with the Government and got many facilities to the Indians. Once all the peo le

people of a street gathered around him and beat him. At last he was thrown into a ditch. At that time the wife of the Governor saved him. She took him and conveyed him to a safer place. When he was asked as to the nature of action to be taken by the Police, he said that the miscreants them selves would gradually understand their mistake and that no Police action was necessary. The creed of Non-violence has not been understood by many leaders. Pandit Jawaharlal - Nehru writes in his autobiography that he has learnt it at the hands of Mahatmaji for 12 years; but he did not what he would have done when his mother was wounded at Bombay during a Lathi charge by the Police, though the news reached him after 15 days while he was in Jail. It is very difficult to follow the principles of Gandhiji, though they seem to be simple. If we want to hold ~~to~~ the meeting at 6-30 P.M. we cannot hold it. This is our condition. Like any of us, he has committed mistakes. But he has boldly accepted the same. He is the first and foremost in that respect. In his auto-biography we read that he used to steal money and ~~drxnkxxxxx~~ smoke beedies. Again he has eaten flesh sometime. When he ate flesh, he used to tell his mother that he could not take his food. During the night, he used to feel that a goat was in his stomach. Then he went to his mother and accepted his faults. How can we become Mahatmas if we cannot leave way the habit of drinking coffee. Mahatmaji may live till the establishment of Swaraj. But we must have power to protect the same. We must be able to look after ourselves. Mahatmaj is preparing us for that responsible work. He wants people who must implicitly obey him. If any has difference of - opinion, he is at liberty to resign from Congress as ~~xxx~~ is the case with Mr. Munshi. Mahatmaji is not in the least worried about the resignations. God will not be pleased if we read Bhagavat Gita ~~xxxxx~~ if we redd it only to please him. We must bring those ideas and principles into practice. So also is the case with the principles of Mahatmaji. He will not be pleased if we worship him. This is the proper time

time to bring his principles into practice. After marriage, you will be worried. As young people, you duty is to gather knowledge and serve the country. Both can be done at the same time. Mr. C.Rajagopalachari, even when he was the Prime Minister of Madras used to wash his own clothes. Now, you have observed Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi. If you serve the country in some capacity or the other, then the observance of the Jayanthi will be justified. I thank Mr. T.Mariappa and others of the Sanga who have asked me to preside over this meeting. (Claps).

M.N.Venkatappa, member of Yuvajana Sangha, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

As announced in the programme, we went on Prabhat Pheri in the morning. Again we moved in the Mohallas to do propaganda work regarding our Sangha and to help the Congress members to sell khadi. Between 2 and 4 P.M. we had a competition in spinning. At 4-30 P.M. we went on procession in the prominent streets of the City with the photo of Mahatmaji. We requested the City Congress Committee to permit us to observe Gandhi Jayanthi during this week. The Complied with our request. On behalf of the Sangha I thank the City Congress Committee. Again I thank on behalf of the Sangha the President of the meeting, the speakers of the day and you also for coming over here and making this function a success.

Then the meeting terminated with cries of several Jais at 8-15 P.M.

The speeches did not create much impression.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, District Police Office,
Mysore, Dated, 7-10-41.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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My dear Sir,

I beg to enclose for the information of Government a copy of the proceedings of a Public meeting held at the Nehru Chowk, Chikmagalur, on the 2nd instant, in connection with the celebration of the 73rd birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, received from the District Superintendent of Police Chikmagalur.

Yours sincerely,

Rajasevaprasaktha
B.T. KESAVIENGAR, ESQ.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore
Bangalore.

Proceedings of the Meeting held at the Nehru Chowk, Chikmagalur, on the evening of the 2nd October, by the Congressites of Chikmagalur, in connection with the 73rd Birth-day of Mahatma Gandhi.

This meeting had been convened in connection with the Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations. A photo of Gandhiji had been displayed in the centre of the meeting on a high seat, behind which the Congress flag was flying.

After the invocation by one Siddappa, Mr. C.V. Dhuruva Rao explained to the audience the purpose of the meeting i.e., the celebration of the 73rd Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. He continued that it was their fortune to have had amidst them Mr. B.M. Boranna Gowda of Belur.

Speaking about Gandhiji as an apostle of Non-violance, Mr. Dhruva Rao referred to the present war and its violent repurcussions on the world and humanity in general. He continued: In this atmosphere of violence and War, there is Mahatma Gandhi to-day firmly believing in peace and non-violence. Gandhi is indeed greater than Krishna or Rama in that he had shaken the world without an arrow or bow. His faith in non-violence is increasing from day to day and he believes that the only remedy for the present War was non-violence. I now request Mr. M. Hutchegowda to preside over this days meeting.

Mr. Hutche Gowda next requested Mr. Boranna Gowda of Belur to speak a few words to the audience about Gandhiji and the work that Gandhiji expects of the people of India.

Mr. B.M. Boranna Gowda during the course of his speech said that Gandhiji was the greatest man living to-day and it is in the fitness of things that they should be celebrating his 73rd Birthday. He continued: Gandhi expects every one of us to do our duty towards the salavation of India and the humanity at large. That is why he has laid down the thirteenth fold activities which the people can conveniently take up and help India to take her proper place in the world and improve her people both materially and morally. Among these activities, he advised the people to encourage the use of Khadder and the spinning wheel which were most dear to Gandhi. He also said that the literacy campaign should be taken up in all earnestness and all those that had the proper qualifications for taking up this work should educate their illiterate brethern, thus helping their uplift. He regretted the huge illiteracy prevalent among the masses and said that it must be remedied at all costs. Next, the speaker referred to Harijan uplift and said that nowhere in the scriptures had it been said that the Harijans

are to be kept at a distance and be given the treatment they are now being given. The Harijans, the speaker continued, were their blood-brothers and they are therefore to be looked after like any other section of the population i.e., they should be allowed to enter temples, they should be taught habits of cleanliness and religion.

The speaker concluded his speech by referring to the anti-drink - campaign, which he said should be actively taken up by the educated people thus helping the Harijans to wean away from the wretched habit of drinking. The speaker also incidentally referred to the good work that is being done by the Mysore University students both at Mysore and Bangalore in the field of Adult Literacy.

Mr. K. Anantharamiah who was the next speaker reiterated the sentiments expressed by Mr. Borannagowda and added that the Spinners' Society which is to be started shortly should be encouraged by one and all, by purchasing the shares of the Society. This, he said, would make the - spinners of the district take a little more interest in their work, thus helping both the quality and the quantity of the yarn spun by the spinners. He next referred to the elections to the Legislative Council which had to take place in the near future, according to the recent Government Order ordering fresh elections, and said that it was the duty of the people to elect the representatives of the Mysore congress. The speaker also advised the people to enrol themselves in large numbers as members of the Mysore Congress and increase the strength of the Congress in Mysore.

The President, Mr. Hutche Gowda, winding up the proceedings of the meeting made a fervent appeal to the audience to use Khadder and please the heart of Gandhiji. He also said that the life and habits of Harijans should be improved by means of propaganada which is to be taken up by the educated and enlightened citizens of the state. Finally, he requested the audience to purchase at least some khadi during the Khadi sales that are to take place the next day.

Mr. C.V. Dhruva Rao proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and the President of the evening.

With 'Vande Mataram', the meeting dispersed.

There was gathering of about 70 people and the speeches were not

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My dear Sir,

I send herewith, for the information of Government, copy of Mysore District Police Superintendent's report S.B. No.53/41-42 dated the 8th instant regarding the proceedings of the meeting held in the Town Hall, Mysore, on the 7th instant, in connection with the "Mahat Gandhi Jayanthi".

Yours sincerely,

K. Subba Rao

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore
(CAMP) MYSORE.

.B.No. 53/41-42.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of - he Mysore Hindi Prachar Sabha in connection with the observance f "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi" in The Town Hall, Mysore, on Tuesday he 7th October 1941 at 7 P.M. About 50 people consisting of tudents, local Congressites and petty shop-keepers attended he meeting. Mr. T.S.Rajagopala Iyengar presided.

Mr. Sudarsanachar, Hindi Pracharak, Mysore spoke thus, i annada.-

This meeting has been arranged under the auspices of the ysore Hindi Prachar Sabha. Some leaders will speak regarding indi and its relationship with Mahatmaji. I request, on behali of the Hindi Prachar Sabha, Mr. T.S.Rajagopala Iyengar to preside over this meeting.

Mr. T.S.Rajagopala Iyengar, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

Mahatmaji's Jayanthi is being celebrated everywhere sinc a week. Every day a public meeting is held and a particular topic favourite to Gandhiji is being dealt with. This day, thi meeting is held under the auspices of the Mysore Hindi Prachar Sabha. It is absolutely necessary that India must have a - common language. It is Mahatmaji who felt this necessity, not because of a common language itself, but because to attain the unity of India through a common language. Mahatmaji is - responsible for the spread of Hindi. In 1918 the 8th All India Hindi Prachar Conference met at Indore. Mahatmaji presided. There it was decided that there was an absolute necessity for a common national language. Further they decided that it must be Hindi. Since then, steps are being taken to make it the national - language of India. A Sub-Committee was formed with Mahatmaji as the President. The Sub-Committee opined that Hindi Prachar must be done more in South India than anywhere else. Then Sir C.P.Ramaswami Iyer and Dr. Ane Beseant were charged with th responsibility of spreading Hindi in South India with their hea quarters at Madras. This continued till 1928 when, Mahatmaji said that the Hindi Prachar would be better if it was left to concerned provinces only than if it was carried on by the All India Hindi Prachar Sabha. Since then, we have the Daksnina -

Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachar Sabha. It is carrying on the work of spreading Hindi in South India. Especially Mahatmaji is responsible for the spread of Hindi. Since there are many speakers, I do not speak much. After they speak, I will, if necessary, speak a few words. Now, Mr. Sudarsanachar will speak.

Mr. Sudarsanachar, Hindi Pracharak, Mysore, next spoke in Hindi regarding the necessity of learning Hindi, since it is the National language.

Mr. Seetharamiah, Editor, "Powravani", Bangalore City, next spoke thus in Kannada.-

(The President introduced him saying that he has rendered much service to the Congress; that he has courted imprisonment many a time; and that he had recently started a newspa known as "Powravani").

While introducing me, the President has told you that I have done much work in the Congress. I wish, I have all the qualities that are ascribed to me. Of course, I have done a little service to the country. This day, the Mysore Hindi Prachar Sabh is observing Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi. Mahatmaji is an extraordinary person. He can do many things at one and the same time. But we cannot do so. Hence during this week, everyday a public meeting is held and everyday a subject favourite to Gandhiji is dealt with in the meeting. When I came from Bangalore, I did not know that this chance of speaking to you was in store for me. I do not want to speak to you regarding the necessity of learning Hindi as a common language. Mr. Sudarsanachar has told the same. In this connection, I want to say that it is a pity, that many a time the speakers or the Presider of meetings or committees of this kind, do not know Hindi at all. I belong to one of the above-mentioned group. Now, I want to speak to you regarding the necessity of propaganda regarding Hindi. In Bangalore, there is a heavy increase in the cinema going public. Many of them are going to Hindi classes with a view to understand Hindi in a better capacity. I do not say that Hindi must be learnt only to understand pictures and film songs. Even apart from that, every person says that Hindi must be learnt. If vote is taken here, I think there will be

will be cent per cent support for learning Hindi. Then what is the reason for the desire to learn it? While the Congress Ministry was in power at Madras, they made Hindi a compulsory subject in schools. To counteract this measure, there was a big Sathyagraha. Why was it so? The Central Office of the Hindi Prachar Sabha is at Madras. Mahatmaji is the President of the Sabha and Mr. C.Rajagopalachari is the Vice-President. But when Hindi was introduced as a compulsory subject there was a severe agitation agasint the measure. The agitation was started on account of some political reasons. Some non-congressites with some selfish interests might have started. But I cannot say that they wanted Mr.Rajagopalachari to resign to occupy that place. Sathyagraha was observed before Rajaji's own house. This work might have been done with the support of 4 or 5 thousand people. The reason for this seems to me to be the ignorance of the people who observed and supported Satnyagraha. This ignorance is due to lack of propaganda. No law can be effective and fruitful without the support of the bill. Therefore there is necessity for propaganda work. When the people are ready, the laws must be introduced. Then only they will be effective and useful. I am saying all these with a view to minimise the difficulties of our ministers, if they happen to encounter the same. One day or other we will have elected responsible ministers. When they want to introduce reforms similar to those which the Madras Ministry introduced, they must be on their safeguard and carry on progaganda work before they enact any laws. I thank the President and the Hindi Prachar Sabha for giving me a chance to speak on this occasion. (Claps).

Mr. T.Ramachar, Student, Maharaja's College, Mysore, next spoke in Hindi regarding the necessity of having a national language in India. Further he said that it must be Hindi only and appealed to the audience to learn Hindi.

Mr. A.Suryanarayana Pandit, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus in Kannada.-

I thank the president for asking me to speak a few words on this occasion. There is some difference of opinion among many people regarding learning Hindi. They think tha

that Hindi comes in the way of learning our mother language. Mahatmaji has laid down 13 items in his programme of constructive activities. Spreading of Hindi is one of them. He has said that Hindi should be so taught that the mother tongue of any person should not be neglected. Before the Hindi Prachar Sabha came here to teach Hindi, ~~the~~ late, Mr.Venkatakrishniah, better known as G.O.M. used to teach it. Then Arya Samaj - people taught it. Afterwards the Rajput and Maharashtra - Association taught it. Then Hindi Seva Samaj took over the burden of teaching Hindi. Afterwards the Hindi Prachar Sabha has come. First of all we must remember Tatayya or G.O.M. as he was called. Now we are looking at the pillars of a building and people who sit in a building and feeling glad. But we must look at the foundation and feel gaad for the ingenuity of the person who laid the same. Mr. B.M.Srikantia even is not against the learning of Hindi. He is a Professor of English. Further, he is an authority upon Kannada. He is not against Hindi. Some people say that it is difficult to learn many languages. It is not for the Kannada speaking people to decide whether it is difficult to learn Hindi or not. It is the work for the - Psychologists. We are conversant with the term "ಬಹುಭಾಷಾಪಂಡಿತ". When many languages are learnt, one will be more well-informed. Further it is easy to learn different languages provided if one knows a language well. This is known to the Psychologists and Educationists. From the international point of view also every one must learn Hindi. Taj Mahal is the most beautiful - building. So also Tulsi Das Ramayana is the best book in - literature. Hence It must be read and understood. The style and the contents of the Tulsi Das Ramayana are very good. If once the people know it, they will read it for ever. Mahatma, is working in an unique way. On the one hand, he is carrying on Sathyagraha against the Government. On the other hand, he is carrying on the constructive activities and has good relationship with the Government. Both are done at one and the same time. When he wanted Hindi to make the national - language, he requested Mr. Ramdas of Benares Hindu -

Hindu University to write a book suited for national education. He wrote a book named "Rashtriya Shiksha". The book is full of patriotism. If it is read, the spirit of young boys will ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ be aroused immensely. But now, we cannot see such books in the Hindi Prachar Sabha. This day, Hindi Prachar Sabha has become so poor that it is at the mercy of the Government for help. Hindi Prachar will be much bettered if it is carried on by private funds. It must not be at the mercy of Government for grants. If the Hindi Prachar ~~xx~~ goes on as it is going now, it will take a long time to make Hindi as the national language. Now, I think we have forgotten such authors as Tulsi Das &c. While I was a Hindi teacher at Chennapatna, I was teaching Tulsi Das Ramayana. There is no foundation for the saying that the learning of Hindi comes in the way of learning the mother tongue. As I remember there was a hey-day for Hindi. Then the Intermediate College and the Marimallappa's High School could not accommodate the students who appeared for the Hindi Examinations. Those days are gone. Even those - people who have passed Hindi examinations in First class might have forgotten Hindi. I have not spoken all these matters, in order to find out a defect in the present Hindi Prachar Sabha. But I have said this with a view to better the matters. I want the Hindi Prachar Sabha not to be at the mercy of Government for funds and the Sabha not to be lifeless. On the other hand, it must be rejuvenated to our utmost capacity. (Claps).

Mr. T.S.Rajagopala Iyengar, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus in Kannada.-

As I said before and as Mr. Ramachar said, there ~~xx~~ is no salvation for India if Hindi does not become the National language. The resolution regarding the same was passed at Indore in 1918 when the 8th All India Hindi Prachar Conference met there. Since then the spread of Hindi is going on. But since 1928 the Dakshina Bharatha Hindi Prachar Sabha is carrying on the work of teaching Hindi in South India with its - headquarters at Madras. Now, I will give you the historical background for the subject. After the decline of the Moghul

Moghul Empire, chaos reigned everywhere. The British people came here and established an empire. They ~~they~~ have ruled over us for over 150 years, yet we are remaining in poverty and ignorance. Further our disunity has not disappeared. The first person who tried to sow the seed of unity among us was Raja Ram Mohan Roy. Since then we had a series of leaders. Now, Mahatmaji is leading us. After his return from South Africa, he jumped into Indian Politics. Since then, he is trying to unite India through various ways. He is the best Karma Yogi that we have seen. It is our pride that he is born in India and that he is leading us to independence. It is no exaggeration when I say that he is an incarnation of God. Now, I must tell you the reason for Mahatmaji to ask us to learn Hindi and make it xxx the National language. India has been divided into 20 divisions according to principal languages spoken by people. If a person of one division goes to anothe division, he cannot express his opinion in his own words, since th language is quite different. In order to unite us Mahatmaji has asked us to study Hindi. As an example, I may say that the British did the same thing. After their advent, they opened English schools and taught English. Now, the majority of the literates know English. Then, you may ask as to why Kannada or Tamil was not made the National Language. These languages cannot be made national language, since the people speaking these languages are very small in number when compare with the Hindi-speaking people. More than 50% of the total population of India, speak Hindi only. Again, Hindi can be learnt very easily. So, it is made the National Language. Mahatmaji is the President of the Dakshina Bharatha Hindi - Prachar Sabha. The Mysore Hindi Prachar Sabha has observed Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi not with the view to flatter him; but with the view to spread Hindi as far as possible. It has contributed its quota during the observance of Gandhi Jayanthi I request every one of you to enrol yourself as a 4-anna member of the Congress and to wear Khadi. Thus I request you to serve the country. Then only, there is justification for

for observing this Jayanthi. Lastly, I pray God to give Mahatmaji a long life. Now, I close this meeting.

Mr. B.Narayanaswami, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke th

This meeting has been held under the auspices of th Mysore Hindi Prachar Sabha. On behalf of the Sabha I tha the President and the speakers of the day. I thank you a for coming over here and listening to the speeches peacefu Now, I will tell you to-morrow's programme. To-morrow is last day among this week of "Gandhi Jayanthi". We have a heavy programme for to-morrow. As usual we will sell Kha from 8-30 A.M. We will close it late, i.e., at 12 noon or 1 P.M. At 5 P.M. a procession will start from the Congre Office with the photo of Mahatmaji and the National Flag. 6-30 we will have a public meeting in this same place. I quest all of you to attend the same.

Then the meeting terminated with several cries of J at 8 P.M.

The speeches were not effective.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
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Dated 9th October 1941

My dear Sir,

I send herewith, for the information of Government, copy of Mysore District Police Superintendent's report S.B.No.53/41-42 of even date regarding the proceedings of the Congress meeting held in the Town Hall, Mysore, on the 8th instant, in connection with the observance of "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi".

Yours sincerely,

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
(CAMP) MYSORE.

SECRET.

S.B.No. 53/41-42.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore City Congress Committee in connection with the observance of "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi" in the Town Hall, Mysore, on Wednesday the 8th October 1941 at 6-45 P.M. About 150 people attended the meeting. The assemblage consisted of students, many R.A. Members, local Congressites and petty shop-keepers. Mr. T.Mariappa, Advocate and Vice-President of the Mysore City Municipality, presided. Mr. Ramalal Thivari of Bangalore City spoke in Hindi, while the others spoke in Kannada.

After the singing of "Vande Mataram" by ~~a~~ small boy Mr. B.Narayanaswamy, Pleader, Mysore, spoke thus.-

This is the last day of the week in the celebrations of "Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi". In the morning, we sold Khadi In the evening, at 5-30 P.M. we took the photo of Mahatmaji in procession in important streets and now we have gathered here to hold a public meeting. I request Mr. T.Mariappa, leader of the Congress party in the Legislative Council and Vice-President of City Municipal Council, to preside over this meeting. (Claps).

Mr. T.Mariappa, Advocate and Vice-President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

As it is known to every one of you, these celebrations were started on the 2nd instant, and since then we are observing Mahatmaji's Jayanthi. Since there are many speakers, I do not want to speak much now. Before the speeches are made, Mr. Ganga Reddy of Kolar will sing some Congress songs. (Then Ganga Reddy of Kolar sang some Congress songs). If it is necessary for me to speak anything, I will reserve it to the end. We have requested many R.A.Members to speak on this occasion. First of all Mr. Agaram Rangiah will speak.

Mr. Agaram Rangiah, Ex-Editor, "Sadhvi", Mysore next spoke thus.-

Since the 2nd instant, Gandhi Jayanthi is being observed in a grand manner. Each day a public meeting is held and some topic favourite to Gandhiji has been dealt with You have listened to many speeches regarding Khadi propaganda Harijan Uplift, the necessity to learn Hindi &c. This is the last public meeting arranged in this connection. It is no exaggeration if it is said that he is an incaranation of

of God. He has done immense good to our country and humanit as a whole. Especially in the political field, he has - awakened the masses to a great extent. In short, he has - made us men again. Whatever he has spoken, he has put into practice. He himself has set an example for simplicity. Before the advent of Gandhiji into Indian politics, there were many leaders like Lokamanya Tilak and others. After th death of Lokamanya Tilak, Gandhiji furthered the programme of achieving independence. Apart from politics, he has mad many researches in other fileds. His researches in food an medicine are very great. His "Mowna Vrata" is not easily understood by many people. Though an old man of 73 years, he is living like an young person. If we are speaking to you this-day, it is only on account of Mahatmaji. In the field of constructive activities, his part is immense. So to say he is the originator. If we attain perfection in any of the items of constructive activities, we will attain - independence. If we establish Hindi-Muslim unity, we can get independence. If we wear Khadi only, we can get independence. If all the Harijans are uplifted, we can get independence. In this way, he has laid a programme in whic each item has a great significance and imprtance. We pray - God to give us the necessary strength and boldness to carry out Mahatmaji's programme. Further let us pray God to give Mahatmaji a long life in order to reap the fruits of ~~xxxx~~ his labour. (Claps).

Mr. Devaraj Urs, R.A.Member, Hunsur, next spoke thus.

I consider this chance of speaking to you as my - "Punya" of my previous birth. Again, I must say that all the people who are living in the life-time of Gandhiji have got some amount of divinity ~~of~~ in them. (Claps). If we go through the history of our country and other countries, we will see that many Mahatmas have taken their birth and serve mankind. But we must believe upon testimony only, since we have not seen them. We are indeed very fortunate to live ~~xxxxxx~~ during the life-time of Mahatma Gandhi. Much can be

be said regarding Mahatmaji. So much can be said that it will be more than Mahabharatha and Ramayana put together. To justify myself, for coming upon this platform, I will tell you a few matters regarding Gandhiji. When Mr. B.Narayanaswamy asked me to speak, I was suffering from cold and fever. I told him that I would certainly speak in this meeting if I was free from cold and fever. I think the cold and fever stopped, since I wanted to speak upon - Mahatmaji (Claps). It is not possible to exhaustively deal with his services to humanity. In the political field, there is no person other than him who has served the country in a better capacity. As is already said to you during these 7 days of Gandhi Jayanthi, his services are manifold. I will only concern myself by giving you an explanation to the titleship of "Mahatma". He is an ordinary person of average height. He has a staff in his hand and a small cloth around his waist and another upon his shoulders. Irrespective of seasonal fluctuations, he has the same dress. He himself has set an example for those people who want to lead a simple life. There are two terms known as "Simplicit of life" and "Complexity of life". One is contradictory to another. Many specialists have tried to solve his dress problem, but they have failed. Some great people write articles so as to be useful to others. But they may be useful who know reading. But Mahatmaji is above them, since he himself is a living example of what all he says. Even the illiterates can look at him and know many things. I must tell you that he never desired to be called a "Mahatma". That is always the case with the people who sacrifice their all for the good of the country. In the political field, his influence cannot be described in apt words. The aim of life itself is not solved by many great persons of the - world. Therefore, I do not want to speak upon it. About 2 or 3 years ago, H.G.Wells wrote a book known as "Duties and rights of man". Regarding it, Mahatmaji said that

work sincerely, he will get all his

rights. The duties of every person are varied. The gist of his teaching is that we must shun our selfishness and try to help others as far as possible. In short, we must learn to "sacrifice" our interests. Mahatmaji may be leading us to our independence. But this teaching of sacrifice is for the whole world. In my opinion, that is the reason for us to call him a "Mahatma". I pray God to give him a long life in order to lead us to independence. (Claps).

(Mr. T.Mariappa, President of the meeting requested the speakers not to take more than 5 or 10 minutes each).

Mr. E.P.Manjappa, Municipal Councillor, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

This is the last public meeting held in connection with the observance of Gandhi Jayanthi. It is not possible for any one to xx completely ~~to~~ tell you the services of Mahatmaji to humanity. Though the British have ruled over us from 150 years, our condition is not changed. They may say that they have opened schools and gave us railways &c. But it can be certainly said that they made us paupers. Khadi propaganda must be done in xxxxxxxxxxxx a great manner and it must be seen that money must not go to foreign countries on account of foreign cloth. While Mhatmaji had gone to England to attend the R.T.C. as the sole representative of India, the labourers of England wanted to see him. They were afraid that they would be thrown out of employment if the policy of foreign boycott was successfully carried on in India. Then Mahatmaji told them that they were far better than the Indian labourers who could not even get a wage of 5 or 6 annas. Thus he pacified the labourers. It is our fortune that we are living during the life-time of Mahatmaji. We must give our full support to Harijan Uplift, Khadi propaganda and other items of constructivie activities. Thus I close my speech. (Claps).

Mr. K.Hanumanthiah, ØR.A.member, Tumkur District, next spoke thus.-

I have not come before you to speak. But since the President has asked me to speak a few words, I have come upon the platform. It is my first duty to thank the President for giving me a chance to speak on this occasion. This is an -

an auspicious day. My friends will speak regarding Gandhiji. I will tell you only one matter. For 20 days he toured in South India and collected enormous funds for the upliftment of our Harijans. As a result of his incessant efforts, the temples are thrown open for us in many places. The Mysore Congress is working under the guidance of Mahatmaji. I think that the Mysore Congress also will work hard for us and see that the temples are thrown open to us in Mysore also. With these words, I close my speech.

Srimathi Sunanda Devi, w/o Mr.T.Narasimha Iyengar, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

Personally speaking, I have no strength to speak to you. It is only through the influence of Mahatmaji that I am speaking to you. Mahatmaji has blessed the Mysore Congress. We have to learn much from his life-history. There may be many troubles in a man's life when he wants to do any good thing. But if he is determined to do the same, he can go through any amount of difficulties. God has taken birth many a time in the world when wickedness prevailed and set the matters right. In the Dwapara Yuga, Krishna was born and he killed Kamsa. In Treta Yuga, Rama was born and killed Ravana. In the same way, in this Yuga, Mahatmaji is born to uplift us from our distressed conditions (Claps). I is no exaggeration if we say that he is an incaranation of Go God has given us life to serve him and humanity and not for the sake of leading our lives. We must pray God and do our work. Then only, we will attain success. We must not be dumb sheep. It is mostly certain that on account of foreign education we have become dumb sheep. Firstly, we must learn to treat others as our brethren. In short, if I were to say the teaching of Mahatmaji, everyone must become Karma Yogis. This is said even in Bhagavat Gita. We must not have caste restrictions in our daily life. We must treat others as our equals. To do all these things, one must be eudcated. Once a person is educated, he will know all these things. Gandhi Jayanthi will be closed within a short time. But his teach-

teachings must be followed by us always. Every one of you must wear khadi only. Lastly my appeal is for the ladies who has much leisure which can be devoted for spinning. Now, let us pray God to give Gandhiji a long life in order to uplift us. (Claps).

Mr. Chandrasekhara Rao, B.A. Member, Bangalore City, next spoke thus.-

Many people have spoken regarding the life of Gandhiji. Many others have told you his works and services to humanity. We usually observe many Jayanthis. The only idea of observing the birthdays is to remember their services and to try to follow their foot-steps as far as possible. The Indian politics can be divided into 2 groups. The first part comes before 1937 and the other after 1937. Since the birth of the Indian National Congress, it is demanding complete - independence. But it is often said that we are incapable of holding any responsible posts. This idea has been thoroughly revised after the inauguration of provincial autonomy, in - 1937. We have shown to the world we are equally capable as the Europeans or the Britishers are. This is mainly due to Mahatmaji. Secondly, I want to tell you that even young people like Subas Chandra Bose and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru have implicit confidence in Mahatmaji. Though in the beginning they showed differences of opinion with Mahatmaji, in the end they followed Mahatmaji. Mahatmaji showed to the world through Mr. Vinoba Bhave the kind of Sathyagraha that he is carrying on. No one had heard his name before. But if Mr. Vinoba Bhave is such a righteous person as is said by Mahatmaji, then we may imagine the number of - people that he has trained and who are equal to Mr. Vinoba - Bhave in every way. In short, he has trained many young people who have not come to lime light even for this day. Since the present Sathyagraha is being carried by Mahatmaji and very great people are observing Sathyagraha, it is quite successful. There is no blemish in it. If we - follow the programme of Gandhiji, we will bring fame to our

to our contry. Lastly, It is my duty to thank the Presiden for giving me a chance to speak on this auspicious occasio I thank you also for listening to my speech peacefully.

Mr. Ramalal Thivari of Bangalore City next spoke in Hindi.

(The speaker said that he would speak in any langua Some of the members of the audience requested him to speak Hindi).

Mr. Narayana Setty of Bangalore District (R.A.Membe next spoke thus.-

I know a few things regarding Mahatmaji. I will ~~xxxx~~ speak to you for a few minutes, only. His autobiography is known as "Experiments with truth". For the sake of Truth, Mahatmaji has undergone many difficulties. Just as Satya Harischandra experienced many troubles, he has also experienced many troubles. We have read the doings of Sri - Krishna and Sri Rama. But we are seeing the doings of Mahatmaji with our own eyes. He advices every one to follow the path of Non-violence. Through Non-violence he was won many a time. But we have no strength of mind to put the same into practice. For the present, Mahatmaji has advised the Mysore Congress to follow a Parliamentary programme. As per his advice, we have moulded our policy. Lastly, it is my desire that his auto-biography must be printed in every - language, since it will be useful for humanity at large. (Claps).

Mr. Bhupalam Puttananjappa of Shimoga ~~xxxx~~ (R.A. Member) next spoke thus.-

Since 7 days you have been observing Gandhi Jayanthi You have listened to many speeches delivered by various people. In every nook and corner of India, this Jayanthi is being celebrated at the present time. Almost all the 40 crores of people of India have a photo of him in their houses. It may be clearly said that the work and the service of Gandhiji has appealed to every human heart. This kind of worshipping great people is seen in every other nation also. In Russia, Lenin is worshipped. He is an authorit upon everyting. But Lenin also was worshipped and his greatness was understood by people after his death. It is

t is always the case with the people of every nation that hey recognise the greatness of a person after his death. It as the same case with Jesus Christ and Md. Pygambar. But his general rule does not apply to Gandhiji, in whose life-ime we are worshipping him as our saviour. (Claps). He does hat he speaks. Whenever he decides to do anything, he does t at all costs. When he went to England for higher studies, e took 3 oaths before his mother. They were abstaining from rink, flesh-eating and to ~~xx~~ observe the vow of Bramhachari. e acted accordingly during his stay at England. You must magine his difficulty in keeping up to his oaths in such a ountyy as England where there are no vegetarians. While he was n invitee to a dinner, he asked a question whether the soup ontained flesh. All the others laughed at him, since it is ery indecent to ask such questions. When he knew it con-ained flesh, he never took part in the dinner. Again in outh Africa, his troubles were immense. The Indians were aken there to clear the forests and to build towns. Once hat work was finished, the Europeaas ill-treated the Indians n many ways. The Indians were not allowed to travel in the ame coach or in the same carriage of a train even though are was paid. He fought with the Government and saw that ome facilities were given to the Indians. Again I remember nother indident. When he went to England to attend the .T.C., the labourers of Lancashire wanted to see him. He wen o Lancashire from London. While he was at London, he was guest of some rich and respectable people. After his talk ith the labourers, he returned to London at 6 A.M. when the old was at its highest. His hosts had sent only the driver o meet him and they did not stir out, since it was very - hill. Even at that time, Gandhiji was in his usual robes - cloth round his waist and another upon his shoulders. ~~xxxxx~~ hen the driver was surprised and understood what was meant by Courage of conviction". He was the sole representative of ndia at the R.T.C. He represented the half-naked and half-tarved millions of India by his presence itself. He went

ent to England in that dress to make them understand the true condition of the Indians who could get even 1¼ annas average wage per day. Again, I may give you another - instance to prove that he had immense "Courage of conviction". During his journey to England in order to attend the R.T.C., a sever whirlwind was in existence in Arabean sea. Every passenger of the steamer was effected with sea-sickness except Mahatmaji. We are indeed fortunate since we are - alive during his lifetime. Mahatmaji is said to be an incarnation of God. If we entertain that idea, then we cannot appreciate his works and services at all. When we think him as an incarnation of God, we will simply follow him and we will not take the trouble to think whether what he says is right or not. If we read his autobiography, we will see that he is an ordinary person like any one of us. Many a time he stole money from his father's pockets to smoke - beedies. He has eaten and visited the houses of prostitutes even. Having undergone many difficulties, he has climbed up the ladder of Mahatma. If any person has any difference of opinion with him, he will convince him. If he cannot - convince him, he will see that the others have their own way. It was the case with C.R.Das and Subas Chandra Bose. When Subas Chandra Bose and Vittal Bai Patel came from Germany, they said that they do not want the leadership of - Mahatmaji any more. But afterwards, they realised their folly and accepted his leadership. The prominent among his programmes and teachings are Ahimsa and Charaka. He advices us to bring Non-violence into practice in every field. The people of Bengal are known for their valour and courage. But in 1938 in Haripur Congress Sarat Chandra Bose proclaim that they had no faith in violence and on the other hand they had immense faith in non-violence, when Subas Chandra Bose presided. Even in a disarmed country like India, the people of Bengal have thrown bombs upon Governors, have fired guns at many Britishers &c. Even Bengalees put their faith in non-violence.(Claps). When the Great War began and the

the Nazies marched upon one country after another with a vi for world domination, Mahatmaji was for helping the British But according to the Poona Offer, which was supported by Messrs. Rajagopalachari, Sardar Vallabhai and others, the British had to announce to give independence to India at a stipulated and if it was done, the Indians would help the war. The Poona Offer was not accepted. Now it is merely a scrap of paper. Again the leaders have been following Gandhiji. The Atlantic announcement of President Roosevelt and Mr.Churchill do not apply to us. Now we have no alternative at all but to accept and follow the leadership of Gandhiji. Now we are understanding the significance of Charaka. In China, they have already understood its - importance. When Japan successfully bombed almost all the factories of China, the chinese had to take to charaka and prepared their clothes. Had it not been for the charaka, they had to be naked. So also may be the case with India, though it may arise from a differenct cause. We do not get plant and machinery from foreign countries. We cannot manufacture them. If they cannot be worked on account of any reas we have to be naked if we do not spin through the charaka. Under the present situation, the leadership of Mahatmaji is very valuable and we cannot afford to lose it. Let God give him a long life in order to make India a free country. (Claps).

Mr. T.Mariappa, Advocate and Vice-President, Mysore City Municipality, next spoke thus.-

The celebrations of Gandhi Jayanthi have come to a close. You have already listened to many speakers. I will only speak for a few minutes and close this meeting. Since the 2nd instant many speakers have told you the life-history of Mahatmaji. Gandhiji is the foremost among all the - Mahatmas. Mahatmaji has stepped into his 73rd year on the 2nd October. He has served us since a long time and through various ways. But if we see the gathering, it can be understood that they will simply listen to the speeches and go to their homes. They will completely forget everything after

afterwards. This kind of indifference is not due to our faults; but it is due to the foreign rule of 150 years. Really it is difficult for us to understand the policy of Mahatmaji. Much less we can follow it. This was seen in the Khadi selling. A gentleman told me that he was always used to wear 17.03 Mull, and that he could wear the coarse Khadi. I do not know what he would have done if he was not educated and if he was unemployed. Another person said that he had already bought a the cloth in exhibition and thus he could not buy any mor cloth. In one way or other, the people want to send us away without buying Khadi. They do not understand that they would serve humanity, if they buy a little Khadi. have seen many Englishmen. It is always their habit to buy English-made goods only. They go in search for them buy the same. It is only the merchants who helped the British nation to conquer India. In India also, many merchants are helping Gandhiji. In Mysore also their h is greatly needed. Our people are always for showy thi The seeds of patriotism are not yet sown in our hearts. Though Mahatmaji is working day and night for our uplift, have not become patriotic. Further we have no discipli at all. Though requested, you do not take pains to sit down. Now, let me place before you the work of Mahatma and all the Viceroys and Governors of all Provinces put together. I may say that the work of Mahatmaji only will far outweigh the work of all the Viceroys and Governors. There was a time when going to Jail was looked down upon. Now, thousands of people will resort to Jails if a call comes from Gandhiji. Even some people may miss an invitiation to attend a Delhi Durbar, but not an invitation to court Jails if it comes from Gandhiji. This was clearly seen in 1930-31. On account of Gandhiji's efforts we are boldly speaking here. Before 1918, we could not ask for - independence. Then, it would have been sedition. It was he who have a different interpretation to "Want of affectio

affection". Then, if we said that we had no affectinn in the British rule we would have gone to prison. But now, even if we say that the Britishers must be driven out of India, it will not be sedition. All this is due to Gandhiji He has shown us the way to attain freedom. But there are many people among us who want to imitate the westerners. Many years have passed since the Badanval Khadi Centre has been opened. But there is no use if the government servants do not use the same. The Government advertises to use Mysore soap, Mysore silk &c., but the officers do not want to use the same. Recently, Rajasevaprasakta Mr. A.V.Ramanathan said that Government only could not do anything and that the Co-operative Societies and Village - Panchayets also must help the Government in carrying out ameliorative measures. Mahatmaji, so to say, is controlling every field of life. A separate department is opened for the uplift of Harijans. The same is working under Messrs. Birla and Thakkar Baba and Rameswari Nehru. The department to revive rural industries is working under Dr.J.C.Kumapappa. A separate Department is opened for re-organising education. It is working under Mr.Aryanayagam. The scheme of Wardah system of education is prepared and it is being put into practice. Mr. Aryanayagam is a foreign returned and well-read person. Our Government asked him to accept Rs.400/- in our Government Service. But he declined the offer. Before his entry into politics, Motilal Nehru and Jawaharlal Nehru were fully clad in foreig clothes. But on account of his influence, they implicitly followed him and wore khadi only afterwards. Similar is the case with Messrs. K.C.Dasappa, K.Changalaraya Reddy and - others. We have to strictly follow his programme and undergo many difficulties and sacrifice much. Then only we will get Responsible Government. In the recent Assembly, we could not get satisfactory replies for our question regarding Mr.Forbes. Even Kumbhakarna and Ravana did a good deal of penance to get strenth. So also Prahlada underwent

underwent many difficulties before he became victorious. After much time and after undergoing many difficulties they saw God. We also must do our work and must have full - confidence in God. In short, we must become Karma Yogies, as is stated in Bhagavat Gita. Mahatmaji is the best - Karma Yogi. Lastly, I close my speech by praying God to give Mahatmaji a long life. Now I close this meeting. (Claps).

Mr. B.Narayanaswamy, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke thus

Though Mr. Mariappa said that this meeting is closed, I have to speak a few words. The Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations have come to a close now. I thank all the speakers for their speeches. I thank the President for kindly presiding over the meeting. Lastly, I thank you also for making the Celebrations a grand success. Now Srimathi Sunanda Devi will sing "Vande Mataram".

After the singing of "Vande Mataram" by Srimathi Sunanda Devi, the meeting terminated at 8-30 P.M. with crie of several Jais.

The speeches did not create much impression.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, District Police Office,
Mysore, Dated, 9-10-41.

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A. Rangaswamy Iyengar
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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Ir. K. SUBBA RAO, B.A.,
Deputy Commissoiner.

MYSORE,

Dated 13th October 1941.

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My dear Sir,

I send herewith, for the information of Government, copy of Mysore District Police Superintendent's report No. S.B.53/41-42 of the 12th instant, regarding the Congress meeting held at Chamarajanagar Town on the 8th instant in connection with the observance of "Gandhi Jayanthi".

Yours sincerely,

K. Subba Rao

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
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S E C R E T.

S.B. 53 /41-42.

Copy of the report received from the Police Inspector, Chamarajnagar Taluk dated 9-10-1941.

PROCEEDINGS OF the public meeting held at Chamarajnagar Town on 8-10-1941 at 8 P.M., under the auspices of Chamarajnagar Town Congress Committee, in connection with the observance of 'GANDHI JAYANTHI'. Messrs; Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug, Shamanna, merchant, Chamarajnagar, Kumaraswamy, shop keeper, Chamarajnagar, and S.Rangaramiah of Mysore, spoke on the occasion. Mr.Venkata subba Setty, Vice President, Chamarajnagar Municipality, presided. About 80 person including 30 boys attended the meeting. The speeches were in Kannada and were not impressive.

MR.SR RANGARAMAIAH, Congress worker, Mysore, spoke thus :-

" Mr.Nijalingappa was a lawyer of Chitaldrug. He was charged owing tohis activities in connection with Sathyagraha.He was convicted.Then he was debarred from practice in courts. He has now all the 24 hours at his disposal for public work. He had come to attend the Representative Assembly. He was requested to go over here. Mr.Reddy could not accompany him owing to pressure of work. Mr.Mariappa too could not come."

MR.NIJALINGAPPA, of Chitaldrug, next spoke thus :-

" I crave your pardon of my having disappointed you once before. I am glad you have assembled ~~xxxxxx~~ now. Mr.Chengalraya Reddy may visit this place in future. Mahatmaji's birthday is being celebrated for the past 7 days in India. Ordinarily, birthday's are being celebrated only a day for others. This is due to his importance. He was born at Rajakote. His father was a Dewan. While young, he was asked by the master to copy the speaking of a word from the class mate. He refused to do so. This he did to addict to truth. Owing to his visit to England his caste people ex-communicated him. He was a lawyer by profession on return. He used to refuse to accept such clients that had no regard for truth. He was a lawyer in Africa. He used to effect compromise between parties in big litigations to avoid unnecessary cost and trouble. He was troubled during journey in railway. He was actually dragged out once. Another time he had to sit near the feet of a whiteman who dishonoured him. He realised that it was due to the form of Government that was ruling people. He made up his mind to effect a change in the form of Government. He fought for liberty and was convicted. Many tortured him. But he made them repent for their actions. General Sruts became his friend. On his return to India he is mainly responsible for the respect the Congress commands. The Congress heeds to his advice. He is working for the Hindu-Muslim unity. Mass

ass education is another point he is working at. In 1921, Sathyagraha commenced. my underwent troubles. People were afraid. Now they are not. We are slaves. we are ruled by the British. They have enforced restriction. Whether it rains or not land revenue should be paid. In Salem District, prohibiton of liquor was introduced. Ministers were paid Rs 5000/- to Rs 6000/-. Mr.Gandhi opined that Rs 75/- would suffice in its place. We earn an average of 2 annas per day. Two hundred years ago, our country was rich. Now people are reduced to poverty. To avoid all this, we require such form of Government that is responsible for public. Every one must struggle for liberty. The more the Government troubled the public the more the Congress became strong. Messrs: Rangaraniah and Dasappa were debarred from practicing in courts, but this did not affect them. They are serving you. Mahatmaji has taught us how to support truth. We have to achieve Responsible Government. Rural industry should be developed. Every house should possess a charaka. Servants in Mysore Government are provided Khadi. Gandhi has taught Ahimsa or Non-violence".

MR.S.RANGARAMIAH, next spoke thus :-

Mr.Gandhiji's life history requires many days to be narrated. You may question who called him Mahatma. It can be better understood than told. He may be compared to Rama in his this Yuga. Nobody else was treated as Mahatma. He determined that only freedom could bring self respect. The insult to him at Africa was a small matter but it was developed into a big problem. He could have enjoyed. He did not do so. For unity he is engaged in service. People who rule us are about 6 lakhs. They are a small proportion when compared with the ruled. Congress if fighting for freedom. Mr.Balagangadhar Tilak and others were not conquered. Mr.Gandhi started Sathyagraha actively. English people came here as merchants. Their object was good for deriving profit in trade. Lancashire has no importance now. The British people are exploiting us. Mahatmaji advised great persons also, to put on simple dress. This lead to the fall of Lancashire business. To buy foreign goods is to encourage foreign trade. To wage war against the British, Mr.Gandhi defended on lewyers and the public. Non-violence is the means for this war. He started Sathyagraha. Prahlada won his father by non-cooperation. Mr.Gandhi says that you should win the British by Non-violence. Sathyagraha has full support from the public. People should be united and strong. What is the meaning of treating 10 crores of Harijan as untouchables ? They should not be treated so. Nobody opines that Mr.Gandhi is not frank. He started non-violence to uplift and protect us. I am glad that

that you partook in this Birthday Celebration. Mr.Siddiah also visits this place ".

Mr.Shamanna, apalogised for his having attended the meeting late and thanked the public.

Mr.Kumaraswamy thanked the audience, and the meeting terminated at 9-30 P with cries of Jais.

Sd/- ABDUL RAVOOF,
Sub Inspector,
9-10-1941.

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A-Rangaswami Iyengar

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.
12-10-1941.

Mr. K. SUBBA RAO, B.A.,
Deputy Commissoiner.

MYSORE,

Dated 13th October 1941

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My dear Sir,

I send herewith, for the information of Government, copy of Mysore District Police Superintendent's report S.B. No.61/41-42 of even date regarding the proceedings of the Harijan Conference held in Mysore, on the 12th October 1941

Yours sincerely,

K Subba Rao

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
(CAMP) MYSORE.

S.B.No.6/ /41-42.

Proceedings of the Harijan Conference held on the pial of Durga Temple, Jalapuri, Eranagere, Mysore, on Sunday the 12th October 1941 at 7-30 P.M. About 100 people consisting of mostly Harijans of the ~~kkk~~ locality and students of the A.K.Hostel attended the Conference. Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy of Kolar presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

After the singing of some Congress songs by some Harijan boys, Mr. K.Seshadri, Advocate, Mysore, spoke thus.-

Usually every year the Adi-Karnataka Conference was being held during the Dasara Festivities. Then it was being held in the Town Hall. This year, it is held in this place We have been holding this Conference since 6 years. Mr. - K.Changalaraya Reddy, one of the greatest leaders of our country, has kindly consented to preside over this Conference (Claps). On the 4th instant, we observed Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi in the Town Hall. I heartily thank Mr.K.Changalarayareddy for consenting to preside over this meeting, though he had much work in connection with the Assembly. Again, Mr. Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug, Sahukar Channiah and Mr.B.Narayanaswamy, Municipal Councillors have come here. The leaders have come late. It is our mistake for not having sent our people to show them the way. I request them to excuse us for the same. Now, I request Mr.K.Changalaraya Reddy to preside over the meeting. (Claps).

Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy of Kolar next spoke thus.-

I am very grateful for all of you for asking me to preside over this meeting, and thus giving me a chance to mix with you. Secondly, Harijan Uplift is one of the items of our programme. It is our duty to banish ignorance as far as possible. As Mr.K.Seshadri said it is not your mistake for our coming late. It is our mistake. We had some matters to discuss and the discussion prolonged. Hence we could not come at 5 P.M. I request all of you to excuse our delay. It is always good to hold Conferences like this in order to discuss certain matters that affect the whole community. It seem to me that even people other than Harijans ~~xkxx~~ are taking part in this Conference. For the matter of fact, I have no

no idea that you are different from us. So also my Congress friends xxxx have the same idea. In this connection, I must tell you that Mahatma Gandhi determined to sacrifice once or twice for the cause of Harijans. On some occasions he said that if he were to be born again, he will pray God to give him a birth in a Harijan family in order to serve them and understand them. In short, I must tell you that we are all one. My desire is that the difference between Harijans and the Caste Hindus must vanish as early as possible. All are sons of God. Hence, we must forget our differences and unite. There are many speakers. It is my duty to introduce them to you. But Mr. K.Seshadri has done my work in this respect. I have already requested Messrs. Nijalingappa and B.Narayanaswamy to speak. Now they will speak. Prior to them, Mr. Deviah, Member of the Representative Assembly will speak.

Mr. Deviah, R.A.Member next spoke thus.-

I am grateful for all of you for giving me a chance to speak on this occasion. I am not accustomed to speak and hen I may commit some mistakes. Please excuse me if I commit them. Not only our leaders speak but they also work (Claps) All are helping us. The Government, Mahatmaji and the Congress people are helping us. At this time, we must know our duty. Firstly, we must have unity amongst ourselves. You must not forget the old adage "Union is strength". If we look into History, we know that all our difficulties are due to our disunity. Secondly, we are illiterates. Though ther are schools, we do not send our children to schools. We must send them to schools. Thirdly, you must pay particular attention to cleanliness, sanitation and health. We must not be idle. I must tell you that all the educated people will get Government appointments. Hence, you must not neglect agriculture, industries &c. We must imitate others and go forward. Lastly, we have many evil habits. We must get rid

rid of them. Then no person who comes into our contact wil despise us. With these our words, I close my speech.(Claps

Mr.Nijalingappa of Chitaldurg next spoke thus.-

I did not think that I would come this place and mix wit you. In the morning, I was asked to come to this place. whe Mr. Changalaraya Reddy accepted the invitation/to preside over this functic we also came along with him. First of all, I must tell you that we are also Harijans. We are all one. Our idea to serve the country has come from Mahatma Gandhi, who is working since 20 years for the good of the country. Mahatmaji has said that"Harijans are born with us, live with us and if we keep them separate, we will commit a great sin". If the sin of the Caste Hindus illtreating Harijans has to be washe away, they must now serve you to their best capacity. I am very glad to see many College students here. In 1932-33, Mahatmaji visited England to attend R.T.C. The rulers alway try to disunite us. They wanted to separate Harijans from the Hindus. Mahatmaji said that he would not accept the Communal Award. But yet it was about to be put into practice, when Mahatmaji had to under-take a severe fast, the fa which was indefinite. Then the joint electorates were give to Harijans and the Poona Pact was signed. It is already said that the Congressmen are always prepared to serve you. Sahukar Channiah also is prepared to serve you always.(Claps Nobody can give a satisfactory foundation for the existence of untouchability. I must say that this has mostly come ou of narrow-mindedness. Even God does not want to keep you apart. If he wanted to keep you apart, he would have given you a separate shape. If we commit sin, God punishes us. Similarly, you will also be punished if you commit sin. Agai God has given you the same anatomy as He has given us. Sugar and Chillies will have the same effect upon both of us. Thus we can certainly understand that we are all one. As Deviah said, you must unite. Among yourselves, there are two divi sions " ಎಡಗೈ, ಬಲಗೈ ". There is no inter-dining betwee the people of these divisions. We have also many sub-sects

sub-sects. But we do not differentiate ourselves as you do. Many a time, many selfish people set one party against the other and thus they see that their works are done. When I tell you to unite, I do not ask you to inter-dine etc. There is a heavy responsibility upon the College students. Every one of you may not get Government appointments. You are getting help both from the Government and the people of other sects. It is your duty to uplift the down trodden Harijans. (Claps). We also try to help you as far as possible Please compare yourselves with the Muslims whose populations is 4½ laksh. Your population is 12½ lakhs. Yet, you have not got the same status and facilities as they have. You have no strength at all. According to population, your community comes second, whereas the Vokkaliga community comes first, its population being 14 lakhs. The Caste Hindus also have great responsibility. I assure you that they will do their best in the matter. This attempt to uplift the Harijans has been done since the time of Buddha. Buddha wanted to do the same. But he could not do it on account of the predominance of the Vedas. Again, Sri. Ramanujacharya did a good deal of work in this connection. It seems that Thirupani Alwar, one of the Alwars of Sri Vaishnava faith, is a Harijan. There is a story behind it. Suffice it to say that a Harijan was daily worshipping God from distance, since he was not allowed to get into the temple. Once, the Archak threw a stone at him and he bled. When the Archak wanted to enter the temple, he could not enter it at all. Then the Manager of the temple, Mr. Sharangapani knew the whole affair and carried the Harijan upon his shoulders and placed him near God. Then everything went on alright. Again Sri Basaveswara converted many Brahmins and Harijans into Veerasaiva faith. Then there were inter-marriages between the converted people. Now, Mahatmaji id doing his utmost to uproot untouchability. Five or six years, the Maharaja of Travancore threw open the temples of Travancore to the Harijans. We have to request our Maharaja also to throw open the Muzarai Temples at least to the Hari-

Harijans. (Claps). It is my opinion that there is no God in those temples to which there is no admittance of Harijans Lastly, I request you cement your differences and unite.

Mr. B.Narayanswamy, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke thus.

I have not come prepared to speak here. But according to the orders of the President, I have stood up to speak a few words. Messrs. Nijalingappa and Deviah have spoken to you in detail. They have asked you to unite. I also tell you the same from a different point of view. All the communities in India must unite if the fetters of the Indian are to be removed. In the Assembly, Messrs. Deviah and Hanumanthiah speak very well regarding matters that affect the Harijans. The first thing to which you have to pay utmost attention is uprooting the illiteracy. The Municipality along with the University Literacy Council is doing its best to teach adults durings evenings. In various Mohallas classes are held. Many College students have come here. All of you may not get Government appointments. If you do not get Government appointments, you must be bold enough to earn your grub anywhere in India. Again, I must tell you that many self-seekers will make use of you for their own purposes. You must not give room for such things Mahatma Gandhi is working hard to uplift you. Your welfare is nearer to his heart than other matters. A proposition to throw open the Muzrai temples to Harijans had been brough in the R.A. and L.C. Though, it was passed there, it is no put into action. Once again, I thank all of you for giving me a chance to speak on this occasion. (Claps).

Mr. C.T.Hanumanthiah, R.A. Member, Tumkur, next spoke thus.-

I do not want to speak much, when great leaders are present. When Caste Hindus like our President are coming here and taking part in this function, I think that ere long untouchability will be completely removed under the leadership of Mahatmaji. As Mr. Nijalingappa said, it is our duty to unite and forget our differences. There is no difference

difference between human beings. This is said by Sri - Sankaracharya. Again some Alwars of Sri Vaishnava faith are Harijans. Iyengar and Alwar mean the same. In the Vedas, the Puranas and ancient books also the foundation for the untouchability is not seen. Formerly, we were not allowed to enter the Durbar. But now we have been given that privilege also. Our Maharaja is very keenly interest in our welfare. During the Nazar, he touched the hand of one of our Harijan R.A. By this it is clearly seen that our Highness also wants to uplift us and treat us in the same - manner as he treats the Caste Hindus.(Claps). I am given to understand that the Maharaja of Travancore even dined with the Harijans. We are being helped by the Government and the Congress. People like Mr. Seshadri are taking much trouble to improve lot. Almost all the students who have come here are outsiders. Though you are in Mysore City, you have not come forward. Again, I must tell you that you must begin to wear 2½ anna khadi caps. The students present here may become D.Cs., Amildars or Superintendents. But whatever they become, they must try to uplift their own people. When Mahatmaji had come to Tumkur in 1933 he ascertained that I was present on the platform from Mr.T.Subramanya and garlanded me. On account of his touch, I have become purified. For our sake, he fasted for 27 days. Our Congressmen also are keenly interested in our welfare. When a Harijan R.A. entered a tent for lunch, the other members asked him to get out. At that time, our President also came away from that tent and lunched along with the Harijans. Let God give him long life and prosperity. (Claps).

Mr. Chikkiah, Student, ~~Sax~~ B.A. Class, Maharaja's College, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

I come from a poor family. I took my birth in a - village. The leaders have given you much advice which you must follow. I am not here to deliver a speech. Whatever I may say is only a request. During my High school days, I did not know much of congress. But after I entered the

the College, sometimes I attended the lectures delivered by Messrs. Bashyam and Changalaraya Reddy. Firstly, I must tell you that we must be educated. The Government is helping us a good deal. So also the Congress and the Harijan Sevak Sangh are helping us. Mr. Seshadri is fighting for our welfare. In the Committee, he is demanding more number of scholarships for the Harijan students. Congressmen are in the University Council, L.C. and R.A.They must try to get us more facilities than we have now. I do not want to bring in any community into my speech. But I must tell you that our Muslim brethren have a right to @ half-free irrespective of their being rich or poor. In the same way, I request that scholarships must be given to all Harijan students. You must put force upon the Government to see that Harijans get some permanent concessions like the Muslims. We are not given permanent concessions. The time may come when we have to pay full fees. This year itself, it had to come. But on account of the efforts of our leaders, it has not come into operation now. Till now, we did not know that Mr. Chenniah would help us. This day we knew it. If we do not get Scholarships and freeships, we will beg Mr.Chenniah to help us. Again, the Government want to appoint a Special Duty Officer to look after our interests. It is our request that one of our graduates, who number 10 or 15, should be appointed as the Special Duty Officer. If a person of our own community is appointed, he knows our difficulties and he knows the means to rectify those troubles. With these words, I close my speech.

Mr. K.Seshadri, Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

Since I am well-known to you, I do not want to speak much. Messrs. Nijalingappa, B.Narayanaswamy and Changalaraya Reddy have spoken to you in detail. It is true that the Harijans are being helped by the Caste Hindus in many ways. As Mr. Nijalingappa said, it is your first duty to unite. Again he told you to look at our Muslim brethren, who are only 4 lakhs in population. In every field, such

such as commerce, education etc. they have come forward. The population of the Harijans is ~~ax~~ 12 Lakhs. Yet, with great difficulty we were able to secure 30 seats for the Harijans, in the R~~A~~.A. and 4 seats in the L.C. There are only few Harijans in high offices such as Mr. Rachappa, Asst. Commissioner, Mr.Boriah, Amildar, Mr. Chikkalingiah, Sub-Registrar. As it is already said there in foundation in the Vedas for the existence of untouchability. In Mysor Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer is working much for your welfare. He i known as Panchama Gopalaswami Iyer. I told him that it was a very great title, a title that is greater than all other titles. As Mr. Chikkiah said there are many difficulties for the Harijan students. The Muslim students have half-freeships permanently. But till now, the Harijans also had full-freeships. The concession is not a permanent one. It must be renewed once in 3 years or so. There are 67 Harijan students studying in the Colleges. Among them only 20 or 25 students get scholarships. Though I am on the freeship Committee, nothing can be done by non-official - members. We are there only for consultation. Everything is in the hands of your professors. There is very little monay in the Sangha. It is requested that the Government will evince keen interest in the welfare of Harijan students and given them more scholarships. Near this locality, the slaughter house is situated. The drainage water is running nearby. We will request the Municipality to rectify the above mentioned defects. We are confident that the Municipal President also will do the needful in these matters. Recently, the Government have closed a hostel and a surplus of Rs.27,000/- is left. Let the same amount be given as scholarships to every Harijan student. There is one more trouble regarding this point. These scholarships are set apart for the Depressed Classes. But the same are being awarded to Christians. We do not say that the Christians are not to be given scholarships. But the Christians are are not to be given scholarships, out of those that are

are reserved for the Depressed Classes. Let them be give out of a separate fund. For the matter of fact we are no against the awardal of scholarships to Christian students It is getting very late. I thank all of you for coming over here and making this function a success. Similarly I thank Messrs. Nijalingappa and Narayanaswamy for their speeches. I thank Mr.K.Changalaraya Reddy for presiding over this meeting. Lastly, I thank Mr.C.T.Hanumanthiah for arranging this conference. Further I have to thank the Yejamans of the Community for making this function a success. (Claps).

Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy of Kolar next spoke thus..

Many speeches have been delivered till now. Messrs Nijalingappa and K.Seshadri have spoken everything in det All the speakers said that the Harijans, if educated, may become D.Cs., Amildars &c. Nobody went forward. I go a step forward and say that they may become ministers ar even the Dewans. (Claps). In the Congress Ministry of Madras, Mr. Muniswami Pillay represented the Harijans. Agai there was a possibility of Dr. Ambedkar becoming a member of the Viceroy's Executive Council. Hence there is nothi that keeps you apart from us. All are one. As Mr.Sesha dri said there is no foundation for untouchability even in the Vedas. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya also has said the same. He is the foremost among the Sanatanists. He is a great Sankskrit scholar. Mahatmaji has said many a time that Hinduism dies if untouchability remains. But it is o misfourtune that there are yet many people who willingly lunch with the Muslims and not with the Harijans (Claps). The removal of the slaughter house to another place and to remedy the trouble of the drainage water are things connect with the Municipality. Mr. Narayanaswami and others will do the needful. On the other day, Mr. T.Mariappa, Vice-President of the Municipality and other Municipal Councillors went to Kannegowdanakoppal and swept debris. I request the

them to do the same kind work here once in a month or so. Regarding scholarships, I may say that since the number of the Harijan students became more, the authorities are not able to give scholarships to all the students. We will do the needful through the R.A. and L.C. But regarding the awardal of scholarships to the Christian students, I cannot say anything now. The entire matter must be studied before telling anything. Apart from that question, let me tell you that Mahatmaji is working day and night for your sake. In Travancore, the temples are thrown open to the Harijans. The Maharaja and his family visited the Anantha-padmanabha Temple along with Harijans and worshipped the Deity. So also, the Meenakshi temple at Madura is thrown to Harijans. Recently Mr. Hanumanthiah went to Travancore and enjoyed himself the full privilege that is accorded to the Harijans. In Indore also the Harijans have access to all temples. Regarding Temple entry, Srimathi Yashodharamm Dasappa brought a resolution in the L.C. The same was passed with the support of the Congress and non-congress members But yet, the Government have not put the same into action. On the other hand, we also must do propaganda work. The Government have been helping the Harijans. But I think that that help is insufficient. To tell you the mentality of the Government, I will give you an incident. When a Deputy President had to be elected to the L.C., we decided to - support Mr. Jayamuthu Raju, a Harijan candidate. But the Government interfered and as a result of the same some candi date other than the Harijan candidate was elected. This is a very regretful fact. I think that they will reform their policy now at least. The Municipality is trying to give a pay of Rs.15/- to every scavenger. The Government will send some instructors to instruct you to peel the skin of animals in a particular way in which you will get a high price. You may take advantage of the same. You must revive the home industries such as spinning and weaving. Again, the Government will give you a certain kind of mud and you can prepare

repare some earthen vessels and earn 8 to 10 annas a day. urther, I must tell you that the Congressmen are always eady to do your work. There is a heavy responsibility pon the College students. After they finish up their - studies, they must try hard to uplift the people of their community. It is getting very late. I thank all of you for taking part in this conference. I thank Messrs. Nijalingappa, Narayanaswami and K.Seshadri for their speeches. I wish you all come forward and become an ornament to the country instead of being a burden as you are now.

With the singing of some Congress songs by Harijan boys and cries of several Jais, the Conference came to an end at 8-30 P.M.

The speeches were impressive.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, District Police Office,
Mysore, Dated, 13-10-41.

Copy of the above is submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Mysore, for information.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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Dated 17th October 1941

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My dear Sir,

I send herewith, for the information of Government, copy of Mysore District Police Superintendent's report S.B.No.63/41-42 dated the 16th instant, regarding the Congress meeting held in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on the 15th instant.

Yours sincerely,

K. Subba Rao

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To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
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S.B.No. 63 /41-42.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore City Congress Committee in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on Wednesday the 15th October 1941 at 7 P.M. About 100 people consisting of local Congressites, some R.A.Members and people of the locality attended the meeting. Mr. S.Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

After the shouting of several cries of Jais, Mr. - B.Narayanaswamy, Pleader, Mysore spoke thus.-

This meeting was arranged to be held in a hurry. We had no time to announce this matter before this day. Hence the strength of the audience ~~xxxxx~~ is very small. All of you know the fact that the Representative Assembly met - here since 15 days and it concluded its sittings this day. You might have read the proceedings of the Assembly in Newspapers. But many people may not know the proceedings. This meeting is arranged for narrating the proceedings of the Assembly from our standpoint. I request Mr.Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug to preside over this meeting and conduct its proceedings.

Mr. S.Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug next spoke thus.-

Mr. Narayanaswamy has just now told you that the - strength of audience is poor. In my opinion, I think that there will be a large number of people when there is any active programme. But in peaceful times, the gathering will usually be poor. The session of the Representative Assembly terminated at 12 Noon this day. Since 15 days the Congress party has done good work in the Assembly. The - Government knows that the time has come for a change to be made in its policy. Some changes are done. But yet there is much to be done. Messrs. K.Hanumanthiah, K.Changalaraya-Reddy, S.Rangaramiah and T.Mariappa will speak. I think there is no necessity to introduce them to you. Mr.K.Hanumanthiah may need some introduction. He is the Secretary of the Congress Party of the Assembly. He is an advocate Bangalore. With great enthusiasm he is serving the cou Regarding the ruling given by the Dewan in the Assembly,

the members of the Assembly cannot speak. Speakers other than the members of the Assembly will speak regarding the Dewan's ruling. Now, Mr.K.Hanumanthiah will speak.

Mr. K.Hanumanthiah of Bangalore City next spoke thus.-

When I was asked to speak here, I wanted to speak regarding the Dewan's ruling. But I cannot speak it, since I am a member of the Assembly. The total strength of the Assembly is 310, out of which there are 104 Congress members. From the point of discipline, the Congress members are working very well. Even regarding their dress, there is discipline, such as wearing Khadi caps. We are 1/3rds of the total strength of the Assembly. But yet we got majority in many instances, since non-congress members also voted for our resolutions. Now, it is clear that our party has a good deal of support from non-congress members also. Before the actual meeting of the Assembly, the members of our party meet together and discuss the manner in which we have to conduct ourselves in the Assembly. There it will be decided as to the members who have to speak in the Assembly and in what order they have to speak. In short, I tell you that the Congress party has worked well in every way. Though there is support for us and we are very well, we cannot do much work in the Assembly, since the constitution of the Assembly is not good. Out of the total revenue of 4 crores of rupees, we cannot talk upon 2 crores of rupees. Regarding the expenditure of the other half, we can speak something. If any point is to be impressed upon the members of the Assembly or the Government, there is not time at our disposal. Usually 5 or 10 minutes is the time allowed for a member to speak. There are nearly 27 Departments working under the Government and it is not possible to speak in an impressive manner within 5 or 10 minutes. Representative Assembly is not the place to enact any laws, but it is the place for discussions, requests &c. We cannot work in a democratic way, since the constitution is in that manner But it is not the case in Madras or in the Central Legisl

Legislature. Besides not having Responsible Government in Mysore, we cannot speak what we want to place before the house. All this trouble is due to the fact that we have r non-official President. The Dewan does not allow many - matters to be discussed at all. There is no facility to discuss great topics. Only such matters as the digging of wells or repairs or construction of tanks will be discussed. One thing that I want to impress upon you is the problem of Joint and Separate Electorates. In every country, there is joint electorate. But in British India, the British introduced the system of separate electorates for certain communities, such as Christians, Muslims &c. They brought that system into existence with a view to divide us and to rule over us for a long time. According to the separate electorate, the people of a certain community must vot for their own people. In this way, they sowed the seed of disunity. Now, the seed has become a tree and it is the proper time to bear fruits. Mr. M.A.Jinnah, President of the Muslim League has been repeatedly saying that a separate country for Muslims is wanted. In short he wants Indi to be divided and one part to be given to Muslims as Pakistan. Even when the bad effects of the separate electorate is known to our Government, they have introduced the same here under the new reforms. When the Congress began to fight for independence, the British introduced this system of separate electorate in British India. So also is the case here. When we began to fight for the establishment of Responsible Government, we are given the separate electorat under the new reforms. The Muslims are given 30 seats in the Assembly. All their questions and requests &c pertain to their community only. In short, they want more appointments, more schools, heavy salaries &c for the Muslims. The do not talk upon any other topic at all. This is not the mistake of the Muslims. But it is the mistake of the - Government in giving them separate electorate. This spiri of communism has come to such an extent that they refused to

to sign our petition to Government asking them to arranged for 3 Sessions of the Assembly. They did ao, not because that they do not want 3 sessions, but bedause that the petition was signed by us. If things are allowed to proceed in this direction, surely a catastrophe will befall. This is haunting my mind always. I do not speak much, upon this matter. In short, it is not possible to tell you the course that this matter leads to. Now I close my speech. (Claps).

Mr. Bhupalam Puttananjappa of Shimoga next spoke thus.-

Mr. Hanumanthiah has already told you the important points of the proceedings of the Assembly. I will tell you another important fact which took much time of the Assembly. It is the matter of the suicide of Mr. P.V.K. Murthy of the Electrical Department. You may be anxious to know the details of this matter. Many members asked innumerable questions regarding this incident. The Government also replied to those questions. But what I think is that the Government did not understand our standpoint and we did not understand the standpoint of the Government. Now, I will tell you our point of view. On July 23rd, he committed suicide. There is an important reason for his suicide. He did not commit suicide since he was disgusted with life. But the matters that led to his suicide belong to the Electrical Department of our State. For our fortune, he left 2 letters - one addressed to Sir Harold Colam and the other addressed to the public. It is clearly seen from his letters that the reason for his suicide was that he did not get suitable return for his work in the Electrical Department and on the other hand, he was on the point of being punished for his good work. In our State, Electricity is supplied by the Government itself. But in other places, Joint stock companies do this work. The profits of the Department has very much increased and it is about 50 lakhs of rupees. When this is the case, it is quite

quite necessary for the Government to see whether the De partment is working well. In private Companies, there will be an officer whose duty is to check the working of the company. In Mysore Mr. P.V.K.Murthy was appointed a Electrical Inspector in order to report to the Governmen regarding the working of the Department and also to repo regarding accidents in the Department. We know that man accidents have taken place on account of the carelessnes of the officers of this Department. Recently a person died at Malleswaram on account of an accident. We do no know anything regarding this work of Mr. P.V.K.Murthy. N I have to tell you a technical point. In our State, on 25 cycles of Electricity is produced, whereas 50 cycles of Electricity is produced in other parts of India and i other countries. 25 cycles of electricity is the old pattern. The people ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ of Bangalore and Mysore Cities cannot understand the difference between the elec city of 25 or 50 cycles since the electricity of 25 cycl will be converted later on into that of 50 cycles. But we know it. Even at Bhadravathi only 25 cycles of electricit is in existence. If plant and machinery connected with 25 cycles of electricity is to be bought, much money will be spent, since the connected plant and machinery is manufac tured only by 2 or 3 firms of America. On account of the War, prices of electricity plant and machinery have very much increased. Thus, we have to undergo a good deal of loss. Mr. Forbes wanted only 25 cycles of electricity to be produced in Mysore, But we do not know the reasons fo the same. In this connection, there is some room for - doubts. Suffice it to say, that Mr.Forbes was employed in the International General Electric Company before he was employed here. The plant and machinery connected with 25 cycles of electricity is mainly produced by that Com- pany. The Government investigated into the advantages and disadvantages of 25 and 50 cycles electricity. Now,

Now, the Government have passed an order that there are definite advantages from 50 cycles of electricity and that the people must make arrangements to consume this kind of electricity only. Before they carried on the investigation, they used to say that 25 cycles of electricity was better than 50 cycles of electricity. Further they have said that they will change the present machinery of 25 - cycles of electricity into that of 50 cycles. Before the Government came to this decision, Mr. P.V.K.Murthy was employed to report upon this matter and his technical advice was sought. It seems that Mr.P.V.K.Murthy did not like the work of reporting against the Electrical Department and consequently against Mr. Forbes. He definitely said then that if he did his work sincerely, he would be troubled by that Department. After he completed his reports, he was appointed to work under Mr. Forbes against whom he had reported. In the letter he has stated thus:- "Dear/Sir Colam, I requested you that ~~if xhe xx &ax exxxxxxx~~ I will not report against Mr. Forbes and that if the Government were to leave me after I complete my work, Mr. Forbes will destroy me". Then, it is the duty of the Government to see that he was not appointed to work under Mr. Forbes. But as we know, he was made to work under Mr. Forbes. Then, he became disgusted, since he got dishonour and disrespect instead of getting protection at the hands of Government. It is then that he committed suicide. Now, you can understand that he did not commit suicide for personal reasons, and matters. On the other hand the matters belong to the State and the Electrical Department. If it was not possible to continue as Electrical Inspector, he might have been appointed as Professor in the Engineering ~~xxxxxxx~~ College, where he was before. But in my view it is - absolutely necessary that there should be the post of Electrical Inspector and the post must be made permanent. The Electrical Inspectors must not be made to work under the Officers against whom they have reported. But in this

this matter, the Government have not acted properly. They have acted with some kind of obstinacy. The reply given in this connection in the Assembly in not good. It is said that people of weak spirits will usually commit suicide. Secondly, the question regarding the extension given to Mr. Forbes occupied much time of the Assembly. Since many years he is the Chief Electrical Enginaer. Apart from proper service, he has 7 extensions. However intelligent an officer may be, it is not good to have him at the head of a Department for many years. The subordinates of the Department will have no ~~xinm~~ facility to occupy that post. According to the version of the Government the age of Mr. Forbes is 63. But Mr. Mehkri first said as 70 and then rectified himself. If we see the resolutions, requests and discussions in the Assembly, it is clearly understood that the people do not want him in service any more. In the ordinary circumstances, he ought to have retired on the 1st November. But an extension of one more year has been given to him. There seems to be some kind of obstinacy on the part of Government to retain him in service. If there was a democratic Government in Mysore the discussion at the Assembly would have been sufficient to remove him from that post. In Australia, it is now seen, that a ministry resigned recently and another - ministry has been formed. Here also, if democracy was in existence, the ministry must have resigned on this - point. Now Mr. Forbes is appointed as Government Electrical advisor. Our objections have borne fruit to a certain extent. Firstly, our people can become Chief - Electrical Engineers. Secondly, he is transferred from that place. It must be said that the action of the - Government in appointing him in whatever capacity ~~xxxxxxx~~ on Rs.2,500 per month is not good. As Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy said in the Assembly it may be a fact that if the Europenas are retired now, they cannot return to their native

native places and therefore some pressure might have been brought upon our Government by the British Government. But we cannot see that Mysore is made a Pinjrapole and hence such people must be made to retire. (Claps).

Mr. S.Rangaramiah, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

It is already getting late. Messrs. K.Changalaraya Reddy and Mariappa will speak, after my speech is over. I want to tell you only 2 or 3 matters. Firstly, I want to tell you regarding the adjournment motion and the Dewan's ruling. Regarding this, Mr. K.Changalaraya-Reedy published a statement in the newspapers. The question before the house was whether he could write and publish such statements or not. In the opinion of the Dewan President, his act was not proper. All these facts are known to all of you. On the last Saturday, the matter that Mr. Puttanànjappa said came up before the Assebmly, in the form of an adjournment motion, i.e., regarding the appointment of Mr. Forbes as the Government Electrical Advisor. At this time Mr. P.V.K.Murth's suicide also came up. After he saw the trend of the discussion, the Dewan President said that he will not allow the matter to be discussed. Mr. Changalaraya Reddy said that he did not know whether the ruling given was in the capacity of the President, the Dewan or as Government Officer. Further he said that the Government have not appointed a"Privileges Committe" as was suggested by him in the last session. Continuing he said that matters like these will come up until there is a non-official elected President. In the Newspaper of Thursday, the statement of Mr.Changalaraya Reddy was published. A nominated member of this City got up on that day in the Assembly and said that the honour and respect of the Assembly had gone on account of Mr.Changalaraya Reddy's statement regarding the President's ruling, and he requested the Dewan to do the needful in the matter. He said that it could be brought

brought up for discussion on Saturday. On Saturday, the Dewan did not give his decision and postponed the same to Monday. On Monday the decision was given by the Dewan This matter, connection with Mr. Forbes and Mr.P.V.K.Murth was signed by 230 members out of 310 members of the - Assembly. According to law, no question can be disallowed by the President if it is signed by $\frac{2}{3}$rds of the strength of the house. Only on account of some special reason he can disallow them. As a matter of fact, a nominated member brought this adjournment motion. Out of the 5 nominated people, 4 members requested the Dewan to take some kind of action upon Mr. Changalaraya Reddy.Let us understand that they are loyal persons. But where had their loyalty gone when Chief Justice/Sir Reilly said tha Truth has become a catch-word? (Claps). At that time they kept silent as though their mouths were sealed. Again on the tables of the Government officers and nominated members, there were some typed letters on that day. Let the Government say sincerely that there were no typed letters on their tables. Again Mr.Rajvi was requested t support the Government. The Dewan has said that it is his duty to protect the honour and respect of the Assembl and that he has given the ruling as the President of the Assebmly and not as the Dewan or a Government Officer. But how can it be understood in that way. The opening speech of the Assembly is known as the opening speech of the Dewan. Similarly the closing speech is known as the closing speech of the Dewan. Sometimes he answers - some questions as Dewan. When a ruling is given, all discussion upon that point must be closed. There is no room for further discussion. When the members discuss regarding the ruling outside the house, this kind of restriction comes. The arguments for and against the point were very fine. The arguments of the Congress party were good. From the legal point of view, it is the right of every member to criticise the ruling of the President in the -

the present circumstances. The decision of the Dewan says that the statement must not be given ~~xxxkhexxxxxxx~~ regarding the Dewan's Ruling. Further no discussion may be made regarding it by the members of the Assembly. Regarding Chief Justice Sir Reilly also questions were put. He is above 60 years. He is in his 3-rd extension. Mr. Forbes is aged 63 years. The truth, i.e., 70 came out first from the mouth of the Officer, but then he corrected himself and said as 63. When a member said that it is our approved fact that as the people advance in age their intelligence will decrease. The Government have said that it may be his opinion. Mr. Forbes is very aged. He has got 7 extensions. We have given his name to a dam as Forbes Sagara, like Krishnarajasagara. This is not the case in other places. The Sukkur dam is not known as Lloyds Dam. So to say, we have given him a permanent place in our country by naming the dam after him. We have given him honour and respect all these days. But yet if we want to put some questions regarding Mr. Forbes permission is not given. Until the privileges of the house are decided, the work of our members was lawful. When one of our members said that he is disgusted, the Dewan said that it was unparliamentary. But when another person said a certain thing was a lie, it was not so. It is not his mistake in deciding things in this manner. It is th mistake of the system of administration itself. He has to answer questions in 2 or 3 capacities. Again, let me tak the question of a non-official President to our Municipality. We thought that our question will be sympathetically viewed and replied, since Mr. Gundappa Gowda is a non-official minister. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ But his reply was not apt at all. He said, "Why do you fight for some principle Why do you want them? Whatever you want, you get from the Government". It is true. If he had fought for a principl he would not have got all these things. Recently President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill met and issued a declaration that they would give independence to all people. The Con-

Congress people both here and in British India were not - anxious about it. But the non-congressites were anxious. But Mr. Churchill said that the declaration does not apply to India. So also Mr. Gundappa Gowda has said that we must not fight out for principles. The same negative reply came to our question regarding the abolition of Trust Board. The Municipal Council has passed resolutions six times regarding the necessity of a non-official President to our Municipality. He does not even speak mildly like Government officers. If we talk slowly, we will remain as we are If we talk boldly, they will say that we pick up quarrels with them. This has become our fate. Regarding the independence of the local bodies Mr. Gundappa Gowda himself has spoke very well while he was member of this House. But now he says that there is no necessity for a non-official President. We will see how a non-official President will not be given to our Municipality. Are there no capable persons amongst the people to carry on the Municipal administration? The getting of a non-official President rests with you. If you demand for the same, surely they will give sooner or - later. All these defects will be removed only when we get a Non-official President. (Claps).

Mr. T.Mariappa, Advocate and Vice-President of the Mysore City Municipality, next spoke thus.-

The proceedings of the Assembly were interesting. The Dewan, while giving his decision upon his ruling, has given an instance of the L.C. wherein the Congress party got a ruling in a similar way. Hence I want to place the facts before you. First of all, you must understand the difference between the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council The Government are very eager to put restrictions and very slow in giving any privileges. We cannot compare our Representative Assembly with the Assembly of Madras or Bombay. There is a lot of difference between them. The object of the Reforms Committee was also to differentiate the Assembly from the Council. No law can be passed by the Assembly. No item of expenditure can even be diminished by the -

by the Assembly. Hence the Assembly of Madras or Bombay cannot be compared with our Assembly. Similarly, the Legislative Council cannot be compared with the Assembly. Again, in other places, there is the rule of convention. But here we have nothing. The Assembly is meant to be "The House of reference". It must be a "Training Ground for Legislators." This is said by the Reforms Committee. I do not why they have used these expressions. The status and power of the Council is quite different from that of the Assembl Let them give more powers and responsibilities also. Let them give all privileges to us. Then we will be glad to have the restrictions. But now, we have only the restrictions and not the privileges. If a convention is to be established, the Congress members also want to establish the same. But during the proceedings it is seen that the non-congressites and officers wanted to do something to the Congressites at this time. Some people requested the Dewan to take some specific action. If the House had full powers and if Mr.Changalaraya Reddy had criticised the ruling of the President, then his action would have been a mistake. But it is not the case now. Even in L.C. we have greater power than the Assembly. We can pass a nonconfidence motion against the President, when such circumstances occur. But in the R.A. there is no such power as is found in the L.C. So also is the case in the Assemblies of Madras, Bombay &c. It is the same case in the Western countries also. The Ministers must be above all parties even when taking votes. We will be glad to have all restrictions if we have more powers and an elected President. At least if there is a nominated President, we will be glad. The object of the Reforms Committee in having this house is that the people can place their requests, resolutions &c before the Dewan directly. We said that only one house is quite sufficient, since the population of the State is only 70 lakhs. But the Reforms Committee opined that there should be two houses and that syste had come down from years. While giving the decision about

about his ruling, the Dewan has said that the Congress party got a ruling in the L.C. in a similar case. It is not so. The person who spoke attributed some motive to the Congress party. Hence the Congress party got a ruling from the President. As Mr. Changalaraya Reddy has stated, there is no motive at all against the President. Under the new reforms we have non-official ministers. But they are like other Officers of Government. Mr. Gundappa Gowda has said that we must not fight for principles and that we may get all the facilities we want from the Government. The Ex-Dewan had progressive views till 1934. He said that there should be only non-official Presidents for all District Boards and that the nominated members shall not vote, at the time of voting. Even in Municipalities there must be elected - members whose strength must be equal to 2/3rds of the strength of the Municipalities. He wanted that there should be non-official Presidents also, if the members of the - Municipality wanted them. But since 1934, the policy was entirely changed, and the powers given to the local bodies were gradually withdrawn. Since 1939 the nominated members got the power of voting. When Mr. Gundappa Gowda was a member of the Legislature, he has boldly fought out for the rights of the members. But now, he will not even speak in a mild tone. On the other hand he says that we must not fight for the sake of principle. Lakhs of Congressmen have - sacrificed their lives for the sake of principle. At present the Great war is being waged on account of establishing democratic principles in the world. The British are spending a lot of money per day to meet the war expenses. It is immaterial whether the Congress gets Responsible - Government or not. First of all, they will fight out for principles. Since there is a non-official minister for local self-Government, really all the Municipalities must have got elected Presidents soon after his occupying that post. Again he has said that the conditions of every Municipality will be studied, and if there is necessity a

non-official President will be given to that Municipality. In 1934, our late Highness said that it was their aim to give non-official Presidents to all Municipalities. Surely the Government will not give us a non-official President to our Municipality. We must fight for it and we must get it. Recently Mahatmaji also has said that there is no salvation for India even if all the members of the Viceroy's Executive Council are Indians. Even then Swaraj does not come. First of all the system of administration must change. So also, we will have no benefit even if all the ministers are elected and if there is no Responsible Government, since there will be no change at all. If Government officers replied our questions, we would have got a reply "Let us see". But now, we cannot get that answer even. There is only one remedy for all these things. That is a change in the present system of administration. (Claps).

Mr. K.Changalaraya Reddy of Kolar District next spoke thus.-

It is already getting late. The most important thing regarding the Assembly is the Dewan's ruling and his decision upon my statement given to the Press. I have no facility to criticise it now. It has been decided by the Dewan that I ought not to have published the statement in the newspapers. You know everything regarding the same. Further it is decided that the members of the Assembly must not discuss it outside the house. We had nothing against the President. Now, also we have nothing against the President. The Dewan has given the ruling in order to protect the status and honour of the House. We are also not behind the President in that respect. Our arguments regarding the ruling were very good. But the Dewan has said that he would permit to discuss regarding his ruling inside the house only. We had thought that the Dewan's ruling was final and no discussion was allowed afterwards. Now, we know that there is permission for discussion even after the Dewan's ruling. Again, it is the Congress members that were -

were responsible for all this discussion and the ruling. It is they who have upheld the xxxxxxxxxxstatus of the Assembl (Claps). They want to respect the status of the House both inside and outside the House. On Monday, I asked the Dewan to give me permission to explain my statement. He told me that I may do so later on. Again this day, I asked him permission to explain my statement. This day he told me that I have to request the same in writing and permission will be granted after considering all points of view. Anothe thing that I want to tell you is that all the resolutions and amendments made by the Congressmen are passed. It was usual for some people to get up and speak after the opening speech of the Dewan. But at that time one of our members also got up and then that person who wanted to speak at that time als sat down. The Labour Union Act was passed with our amendments. Even non-congress members voted for our amendments. The resolution pertaining to Rural Welfare scheme and making Hindi as one of the optionals in middle and High Schools also were passed with the support of Non-congress member also Regarding Hindi, the Urdu schools were excepted from this resolution. Regarding Rural Welfare scheme, we wanted that a ten year plan should be evolved, and the neglected villages must be first looked up for betterment. Mr. H.B.Gundappa - Gowda said that we also must co-operate with the Government in this respect. When put to vote, the same was passed. In the last Assembly Rs.50,000 xxxx were set apart to put Wardah Education scheme in operation. Though the Government got many defeats, it is still going on. If there was Responsible Government, only one defeat to the Government would have been sufficient for the ministry to resign and make room for the majority party which passed the resolution. If the present xxxxxxxxxxx state of affairs should change, there must be Responsible Government. Gradually such a resolution must be place before the Assembly and it must be passed. Since 15 days the members of the Congress party have conducted themselves very well in the Assembly. It is a pride for me to

to tell you this matter. I thank every one of them on this occasion. I thank some of the members of the Muslim - League and independents who supported us (Claps). In our policy of establishing Responsible Government you must support us. Again you must support us while we fight for the grant of a non-official President to the Assembly and Mysore City Municipality. (Claps).

Mr. S.Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug next spoke thus.-

Since it is getting late, I do not want to detain ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ you for much time. The Dewan gave a ruling in connection with the adjournment motion regarding Mr. Forbes who is now appointed as Government Electrical Advisor on Rs.2,500/ He has been given 7 extensions and is very aged. The difference of opinion between Mr. Forbes and the Government came upon the generation of electricity of 25 and 50 cycles. He advocated that only 25 cycles of electricity must be produced. But now, the Government have come to the conclusion that the Government will have many advantages if 50 cycles of electricity is produced. Even now, he is appointed as Electrical Advisor. As Mr. Rangaramiah said there may be some pressure upon the Government for appointing him again. The Dewan has said that he gave the ruling as the President of the Assembly, and not as the Dewan. He will be the President in a particular minute and soon afterwards he becomes the Dewan. How is it possible to change in such a short time as this? When he replies to requests and resolutions, will he be the Dewan or the President? I cannot accept the words of the Dewan when he says that he gave the ruling as the President and not as the Dewan. It is not possible to construe that he can become Dewan or the President within a lapse of few minutes. If it is so, a "Gruhasta" may became a Sanyasi and vice versa within a few days. If democracy was in Mysore and if an adjournment motion signed by 230 - members was disallowed, he would not have been the President any longer. Until we get Responsible Government, injustices like these will not be rectified. We must have a non-offie

a non-official xxxx President. What Mr. Changalaraya Reddy has done is not a mistake at all. But everything must be enquired into and a decision has to be arrived at. The Congress people will discuss this matter. Till then, we do not speak anything, since we are under some discipline. The Dewan has said that permission to discuss his ruling will be given if applied for in writing. The permission will be given to discuss in the house only. Again, the House Committee wants to urge the Government that the same kind of allowances and treatment should be given both to the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council members. Our Highness also has said that the members of both the houses will get the same treatment. But you must not understand that we want to get Rs.7½ instead of Rs.5/-. With the idea that there must be no difference of treatment between the members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council, the House Committee is wokking. Lastly, I thank the Mysore City Congress Committee for asking me to preside over this meeting. (Claps).

Mr. B.Narayanaswami, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke thus

It is already high time and I do not want xxx to detain you for a long time. I thank you for coming over here and listening to the speeches peacefully. I thank the speakers of the day for their speeches. Again, I thank the President for presiding over the meeting. xx

After/shouting several cries of Jais, the meeting terminated at 9 P.M.

The speeches did not create much impression.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, District Police Office
Mysore, Dated, 16-10-41.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MANDYA,

Mr. C. M. H. RANAJODHA SINGH,
Deputy Commissioner.

Dated October 18, 1941.

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Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herein for your kind information a copy of D.O. letter No. S.B. 51 of 41-42 dated 14th October 1941 received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mandya, regarding an affray between some Muslims travellers and Hindu cart-men on the 13th instant. He has also since reported that all the thirteen persons who were charged under Section 160 I.P.C. in this connection were convicted and fined by the Special First Class Magistrate, Mandya, and the situation is normal.

Yours Sincerely,

Rajasevaprasaktha
B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalo

Copy of D.O. letter No. S.B. 51 of 41-42 dated 14th October 1941 from the District Superintendent of Police, Mandya, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya.

I enclose herein for favour of your kind information extracts from the Station House Diary of Maddur Station for 13th October 1941, disclosing the details of a minor clash with sticks and stones between a party of Muhamadans returning from the Sivasamudram Urus and certain way side ryots who were Hindus. It would appear that when one Mohamadan traveller picked a few sticks of sugarcane from a loaded cart, it was resented by the driver, who raised a hawl while a few of the ryots working in the neighbouring fields gathered to his help, a few associates sided the Mohamedan and they indulged in a scuffle with sugarcane sticks and stones and a few of them received minor injuries.

The local Police received early information and proceeded to the scene of occurrence which is a half mile away from the Maddur T.B. and prevented further trouble. The Police Inspector, Mandya, also proceeded to the place, made enquiries and has arrested 13 persons (6 Mahomedans and 7 Hindus). He reports that since there was no common object and as it was a free fight on the spur of the moment, he would prosecute them under Section 160 I.P.C.

This prompt handling of the incident has had the desired effect of preventing further mischief and it is reported that there is no tension at present. The reactions in Maddur will, however, ~~xx~~ be watched for some time.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Mandya District.

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Mr. K. SUBBA RAO, B.A.,
Deputy Commissoiner.

MYSORE,

Dated 22nd Octr., 1941.

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My dear Sir,

I send herewith, for the information of Government, copy of Mysore District Police Superintendent's report No.S.B.65 of 41-42 dated the 22nd instant, re: the meeting of Sri Krishnarajendra Mill's Labourers' Union, held in the Town Hall, Mysore, on Tuesday the 21st October 1941.

Yours sincerely,

K Subba Rao

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B. T. KESAVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

S.B.No. 65/41-42.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mill's Labourers' Union, Mysore, in the Town Hall, Mysore, on Tuesday the 21st October 1941 at 4-15 P.M. About 1000 labourers of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills attended the meeting. Amongst them there were about 200 women also. Mr. T.Mariappa, President of the Sri - Krishnarajendra Mill's Labourers' Union, Mysore, presided. The speeches were in Kannada.

After the shouting of several cries of Jais, Mr. A.Krishnamurthy, Secretary, Sri Krishnarajendra Mill's - Labourers' Union, Mysore, spoke thus.-

On your behalf and on behalf of your ~~Associations~~ Union, I request Mr. T.Mariappa, President of the Union, to preside over this meeting.

Mr. T.Mariappa, President, Sri Krishnarajendra Mill's Labourers' Union, next spoke thus.-

Please sit down. I know that it is not possible to accommodate you in this Town Hall. On account of the rainy season this meeting has been arranged here. Please sit down and listen to the speeches peacefully. Now Srimathi Sunanda Devi will sing "Vande Mataram". You must stand up during the singing of "Vande Mataram". (Srimathi Sunanda Devi sang "Vande Mataram"). As it is already announced, this meeting is held under the auspices of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mill's Labourers' Union. I believe all the labourers have come here. I hope all of you will keep quiet and listen to the speeches of the leaders. I will speak in the end. For the present, I will introduce the speakers to you. Mr. H.C.Dasappa will speak first. I need not introduce him to you, since every person of Mysore City knows him. He is a worker in Mysore politics. He has gone to Jail twice or thrice. He was an advocate, but now his Sannad has been taken away by the Government. Please listen to his speech peacefully (Claps).

Mr. H.C.Dasappa, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus

I did not know that I would take part in the meeting held under the auspices of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mill's - Labourers' Union. I came from Hyderabad a few days ago. Your President asked me to speak on this occasion. I accepted his invitation. This is a great occasion for me to come into con-

contact with you. I have not come here to tell you a good deal. I will only tell you one matter. I will tell you something regadding the Railway Union of the Nizam State Railway. I went to Hyderabad in order to attend a meeting connected with the entire Karnataka country. Then the labourers of the Railway Union asked me to visit their Union and talk a few words to them. Regarding the right of possessing/Civic rights Hyderabad is far behind. The people have not got a right to hold a public meeting whenever they want. If a public meeting is to be held, the fact of holding the meeting must first of all be intimated to Government. The names and addresses of the speakers also must be intimated. If the Government are pleased to give a license, the meeting could be held. If not, the meeting could not be held. It is yet in feudal days. The Railway Union is at Secunderabad. It is working in a good manner. The President of the Union is a Muslim. In this connection, I must tell you that the Hindi-Muslim problem is very great in Hyderabad than in other places of India. Almost all Muslims will side the Government. Regarding the Railway Union, I must tell you that all the labourers have complete confidence in the President. For the present the Union is not recognised by the Government. Formerly it had been recognised but recently the recognition has been withdrawn. But I must tell you that it is immaterial whether the Union is recognised by the Government or not. Times are changing. To-day or to-morrow recognition will come of its own accord. If you unite yourselves and work in a disciplined manner, the Government, the management or any officer will honour and respect you. You must have complete confidence in your President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer etc. You must inform them everything. Then you must act according to their advice. Now, you are seeing the Great War. The Russians, the English and the Americans are fighting against the Germans. The Allies are fighting to establish Justice. They are sacrificing themselves. Certainly, they will succeed, since there is success for Justice. Always God is on the side of Justice.

Justice. But it is our duty to organise ourselves and follow the principles of Satya and Dharma. Now we are sitting in this beautiful Hall. Since the bricks, mortar &c. have been placed in a systematic manner, this hall has been built. If they were alone, there would have been no hall at all. So also, there must be some organization and the same must be carried on in a good manner. Another matter that I want to tell you is regarding the solution of your problem. The problem of labour cannot be solved easily. There are parties connected with it. Firstly, there is the Management. Secondly, there are the labourers. Thirdly, there is the Government. Every party has its own privileges and responsibilites. The labourers must go to the mills at the scheduled time and must work properly. You must not show any kind of negligence or carelessness. Your conduct towards a brother worker or towards the Management or Staff must be very polite. Mahatmaji has imposed certain discipline for the Congressmen who want to solve the problem of labour. These are Truth and Non-violence. You must act and talk politely. You must treat another labourer also with much reppect. You must love your fellow worker. If any mistake is committed, you must not take law into your own hands and become the Police and the Magistracy on the spot. In the beginning of the meeting, nearly 20 people cried out "Sit down". If the same was told by the President every one would have sat down and there would have been no trouble at all. When 20 people cried out in that manner, you increased "Galata" instead of keeping silence. You have to learn a lesson from the labourers of Maharaja and Minerva Mills of Bangalore. For 72 days they struck work. They never showed any kind of disrespect to the Mill Management. We requested them on the last day of the strike, to go to the Mills next day 5 minutes earlier than the scheduled time and work willingly. Similarly, on the next day they went to the Mills early and worked well. The entire Management was wonder struck at their conduct. Times are changing. Till now people with University education had power. But now, it is not so. When Mr.

Mr. Churchill went to meet President Roosevelt, he asked Major Atlee, leader of the labour party, to look after his duties. Again Mr. Ramsay Macdonald was the Prime Minister of England. He was the leader of the Labour party. Again, the Prime Minister of Australia is the leader of the Labour party. Now, you may ask me whether a spinner or any labourer of Krishnarajendra Mills can become the Dewan. I say yes. The time may come. When saying so, I am not exaggerating at all(Claps) There is no necessity for me to speak much. I am very glad since the labourers of Sri Krishnarajendra Mills are holding a meeting in the Town Hall. Formerly it was undreamt of. This has happened on account of a change in the times. In the City Municipality, the congress Municipal Councillors are in a Majority and so you are able to hold a meeting here. Prior to the coming of the Congress into the Municipal Council, we were not getting permission to hold any meeting here. In this connection, I request you to understand the power of Congress. Without understanding Indian Politics, you cannot understand the power of Congress. The Total population of India is - 40 crores. Including the Agriculturists, the percentage of labourers in India is about 90. Mahatmaji wants to establish the Government of the labourers. He wants to establish - Swaraj. That must be your aim also. In British India, Congress has not come into direct contact with the labourers. But here, we have changed our policy a bit. The members of the Congres have to take an indirect part in the solution of the labour problem. You must be able to help us to reach our end, i.e., to establish Swaraj. You have the President, the Secretary and the other office-bearers. You have to think about the problems connected with your welfare, such as leave, bonus, maternity leave for women labourers &c. You must also see whether the facilities you have are equal to that of the - labourers of Maharaja and Binny Mills at Bangalore. Further you must see whether the establishment charges are more or less. If the establishment charges are more, you will get lesser bonus, than the bonus given in the other Mills. You

You must think about all these matters. Now, I have to request you to do a certain thing. All of you must enrol yourselves as members of Congress by paying 4 annas a year. Thus every one of you must work to remove the fetters of Bharata Mata. If calculated, the amount you pay per year will be 4 pies per month or a pie per week. I think that every poor person also can pay this small amount. Once again, I request every one of you to become members of the Congress. I hope you will become Congress members within a short time. Now, I close my speech. (Claps).

(Mr. T.Mariappa introducing Mr.M.N.Jois said that he is an R.A.Member from Mysore City; that he has served from 20 years in Congress; and that he will speak. Then he requested the audience to keep silent and listen to the speech).

Mr. M.N.Jois, Congress Worker, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

The President of the meeting has told you that I am an R.A. Member from Mysore City. In the same way he is a member of L.C. At the time of the Elections, I would have come to your house to request you to vote. But I had no such need/ to approach you since there was no contest at all for the elections. If I had come to you then, I would have made your acquaintance. But now, I am coming into your contact. For providing this facility to me, I thank the organisers of this meeting.(Claps) Mr. H.C.Dasappa told you that the time has come when you are sitting here upon chairs. The reason for the same is the strength of the Union. Again, this was due to the Congress majority in the City Municipality. I go a step forward and say that the whole world must be divided into 2 parts. One half belongs to the labourers and the other belongs to the ryots. The ryots grow crops and the labourers work from the morning till the evening. If these people do not perform their respective duties, the present system of the world cannot go on. The government of all countries must be in the hands of the Kisan, whether it be of America, Germany, England, Australia or the Indian bureaucratic Government. Even within a month of the formation of the Union, you have gained strength and are holding a meeting here. If you join the Congress and

and cry "Jais", within a month we will get Responsible Government. Then the labour of the Congressmen such as rotting in Jails and having undergone many difficulties will ~~xxxxxxxx~~ bear fruit. (Claps). Now I want to tell you the proceedings of the Assembly in connection with the passing of the Labour Act. According to this Act, the Government must recognise every Union of every factory or workshop, or mills. You - might have thought that the Government have easily accepted this principle. They have not done so and have not given honour and respect to the Unions of labourers. Mr. K.T.Bashya and his followers have worked hard for your sake since 18 year On account of their work, your Union has been recognised this day. When the Labour Act was brought before the Assembly, many people praised it and many others condemned it as useless. I will tell you the good and bad points of the Act. They have said that they would recognise every Union of the labourers of every factory, mill or workshop. If there are any differences of opinion between the Management and the - labourers and if you require a third party to give judgment, the Act has provided room for arbitration. Again the Government do not step in of their own accord. If both of you, viz., the labourers and the management request the Government to step in, they will do the needful. If any of you request the Government to step in, they do not come in at all. If both of you cam understand each other, where is the necessity to request the Government to do the needful? Then you can yourselves arrive at a compromise without the help of the Government. This Act is only an eye-wash for the labourers. We have shown our opposition for it in the Assembly. Till now, you had the weapon of strike. But now, you have lost it. For the present the Prime Minister of Australia is a labour leader. He attained such a position since he commanded a great influence upon the labourers. If he asked ~~him~~ them to strike work, all of them would have done so. "Strike" is a right of the - labourer. But under this act, you can strike if the Registrar give permission to do so. If not, you cannot strike work.

If you strike work without the permission of the Registrar, the Police may arrest you and the Magistrate may sentence you to suffer imprisonment. You must know this fact. There is no appeal against the decision of the Registrar. The Congress party demanded that a High Court Judge must have the power to decide whether the labourers could strike work at ~~xxx~~ a particular time. The Government have not accepted our amendment. When the amendment was put to vote, we got 135 votes and the Government got only 35 votes. (Claps). In this way, the Congressmen of the Assembly are fighting for your welfare. Again, the present Act does not give permission to establish a federal Union of all the Unions. The Act also hints, that such permission cannot be given. The Government are afraid of the strength of the labourers if they were to unite. Suppose all the workers of Mysore, Bangalore, Davanagere, Bhadravathi and other places unite. Then the Government are afraid of your unity. Hence the Act does not permit to establish a Federal Union. This right to unite and/to strike are your birtn-rights. When this amendment was brought by the Congress party, and when it was put to vite, we got 127 votes and the votes against the amendment were lesser than that of us in number. Hence the amendment was passed. I have told you what transpired in the R.A. After prolonged discussion, we were able to succeed in the Assembly. You must not think that the President and the other office-bearers will work for you. You must inform them all your troubles and grievances. They in turn will support you by giving you public support. But you must see that your Union stands upon its own legs. Every Union must stand upon its own legs. There must be no necessity to request the help of the others. You must be able to sacrifice a little for the good of the Union.(Claps and cries of Jais). I will finish my speech within 2 or 3 minutes. It is praiseworthy that you have come here and holding a meeting. I hope all the labourers of the Mill have come here. I think all the labourers will unite. For the present, there are 4 ministers and the Dewan. If you orga-

organise yourselves well, within the next elections you may enter the R.A. and L.C. Then you can also become one of the members of the Council. There is room for ~~xxixxxfx~~ becoming a minister from the labourers. First of all, I request you ~~xxxx~~ to conduct yourselves well in the Mills. Move politely with the Mamagement or the Capitalists. Capitalists may have some pride, on account of wealth. But all the power, strength and boldness are with the labourers and not with the Capitalists. This fact was revealed by Karl Marx. It is always the case with the people that they do not worship Mahatmas when they are alive. Jesus Christ was crucified. But many people worship him now. Similar was the fate of every - Mahatma. Robert Oven, who was the owner of 20 big mills, realised that the welfare of the labourers was the first thing He spent all the money for the welfare of the labourers and in the end he sacrificed his life for their welfare. There may be many commodities such as cotton &c and machinery also. But they will not fetch money until the blood of the labourer is converted into water. It is the ryots and the labourers who convert the commodites into money. This was preached by Karl Marx. When he wrote books upon the labourers he was very poor. In the end, the pledged his trousers and wrote books upnn labour and labourers. He was not in the habit of giving interviews to people, since he had no clothing at all. In the Western countries, the people attach much importance to dress. Since he had no dress, he did not give interviews to people. Many mill owner and other capitalists offerred him bungalowes and money. But he refused their help. He did so only with a view to uplift the labourers. His preaching is known as "Marx Materialism". You may ask me why I am talking all these things. With a view that every one must know something about that "Mahatma" I talked a few words. You must remember his name at least. In our country many great people such as Shankaracharya, Ramanujacharya, Buddha and others have taken their birth. They did their best to ~~xxxxxx~~

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to uplift the masses. Again Motilal Nehru, C.R.Das and other greatmen worked for the welfare of the people. Mahatmaji is the advocate of ~~xx~~ the revival of cottage and home industries. He wants to help the labourers. He believes that in this way he can better your conditions. Therefore you must follow the principles of Mahatma. I told you the name of Karl Marx since he has done a good deal for the welfare of the labourers. It is a pride for me that you have organised yourselves. There may be many persons who try to dis unite by their influence or otherwise. Remember that a straw may be broken by any one. But if a rope is made out of straw, even an elephant can be tied down by that rope. Union is strength. Whatevery may befall, you must remain united. With these words, I close my speech (Claps).

(Mr.T.Mariappa introduced Srimathi Sunanda Devi by saying that she is an R.A.Member from the women constituency of Mysore City and District).

Srimathi Sunanda Devi w/o Mr.T.Narasimha Iyengar, - Advocate, Mysore, next spoke thus:-

It is my fortune that I am acquainting myself with my ~~xxxxxx~~ brother and sister labourers. Our Government or the Officers or the Management would not pay any attention to the labour question. As my predecessors have told you, it is the labourers themselves who have worked for the enactment of this Labour Act. In Bombay the Labour Act came into - existence in 1926. But in Mysore the Government did not pay any attention to the labour question, though they were many times requested to pass a Labour Act. But in 1941, the - Government saw the necessity to enact an Act in this connection. For the passing of this Act, the labourers themselves are responsible. At Bangalore the labourers of Maharaja and Binny Mills struck work. They sufferred a good deal for 71 days. On account of their suffering this Labour Act has been enacted. During the strike, Mr.K.T.Bashyam led them. Many people say that the labourers are uneducated and that they cannot conduct themselves well. But the labourers at Bangalore conducted themselves in an admirable manner. On account of

suffering this Act has come into existence. Mr.M.N.Jo

Mr. M.N.Jois has told you the advantages and disadvantages of the Labour Act. He has also told that the whole country may divided into 2 halves - one half belonging to the labourers and the other belonging to the ryots. If any country is to be uplifted, the ryots and labourers must be first of all uplifted. If they xxxxx are ruined, the country also will be ruined. If the conditions of the ryots and the labourers are to be bettered, we must have a broad mind. Our labourers also must have patience. We must leave away our selfishness, and work for the good of the country. Let us see at Russia, America, England and again at Germany and Italy. There all the people work for the good of the country. If there are any self-seekers, they must be kept apart. By following the - principles of Non-violence and Truth you can win over the - enemies. In short you can change their minds. To follow the princiles of Truth and Non-violence, one must have a certain amount of discipline. Mr. K.T.Bashyam himself has said that he was wonder-struck at the unity and discipline of the labourers during the strike. The workers of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills must follow the foot-steps of the workers of Bangalore. As my predecessor said, there are many disadvantages by the Labour Act. It is like a sword which can both be used to cut anything and to cut one's own neck. Lastly, I talk a few words regarding women. If you are to be bettered you must see that the women also are bettered. Men and women are like 2 wheels of a cart. I am glad to know that there are many women members in your Union. Again I am glad to know that there are women members in the Working Committee also.It seems that there are 600 family women workers in the Krishnarajendra Mills. Both the men and women must work with great co-operation. Then only the Union can come forward. Proper attention must be paid to the health of women. At least once in a week, a lady Doctor must examine the women. If the - women are suffering from any disease, they must be given leave. In short "Maternity Welfare" must be looked after. If both the husband and wife come away for work, proper arrangements

arrangements must be made to look after the children. Facilities must be provided for the education of children of the labourers. Another fact that must receive great attention is the wages of the women workers. It seems that they are paid lesser than the men, though they turn out the same kind and amount of work as that of males. It must be seen that they are given equal pay. You must unite yourselves and march forward in a disciplined manner. The Congress people are prepared to go to jails and even to sacrifice their lives for your welfare. First of all, you must become members of your Union. Secondly, you must enrol yourselves as members of Congress by paying 4 annas a year. Thus the relationship between yourselves and the Congress will be more than before. I request all of you to become members of the Congress. You must also help us in our fight to attain Swaraj and Responsibl Government. Then all your troubles will disappear and you will become human beings. With these words, I close my speec (Claps).

Mr. T.Mariappa, President of the meeting next spoke thu

Mr. S.Rangaramiah had to come to this meeting and had to speak a few words to you. Since he is suffering cold and fever, he could not come here. But he has sent his message. Now, I will read the same to you. (Then the speaker read out the message of Mr.Rangaramiah. The following is the gist of it

"I had to speak along with others this day in the Town Hall. Since 3 days I was unwell and this day I am suffering from severe cold and fever. Hence I cannot come to the meeting. I request you to excuse me. I wanted to tell you the the difficulties of workers in Mandya, where Malaria is at its zenith. The policy of the Irwinnala Committee is known to yo Till now, the Government have not done anything for the good of the ryots. Even after the recommendations of the Committe the Government have not taken any action to redress the grievances of the ryots at Mandya. It was said that Rs.10,000/- will be kept apart for their welfare. But till now, nothing has been done in that direction. I request you to show your

your sympathy to the ryots of Mandya. I pray God to prompt the Officers of Government to redress the grievances of the ryots of Mandya. Lastly, I wish success and prosperity for your Union day by day"(Claps).

Narayan, labourer in the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills, next spoke thus.-

I thank the President for giving me a chance to speak on behalf of the workers. I cannot say much regarding the Labour Act. The Congressmen have told you everything and nothing has been left to me to speak. I must tell you that we must increase the membership of the Union. It is our duty to carry on the work of our Union with great co-operation. All the members must inform their grievances to the Secretary. The Congress people will do their best to redress the grievances. (Claps). All of you must be united. Nothing can be done within a few days. You must not say that nothing has been done though monthly subscriptions are paid regularly. It is very easy to get the thread from Charaka. But to manufacture the same thread in our mills is very difficult. We have several Departments in our Mills and everything must be done step by step. In the end the turn over in the Mill is far greater than that of charaka. We must do everything in a legal way. The Congress men are prepared to serve us. They have sacrificed much for the good of the country. They will do us everything that is in their power. (Claps). Secondly, the women labourers must be uplifted. Suppose the women do not work. If a labourer gets Rs.20/- a month, he cannot spend Rs.10/- to his domestic purposes. Within that amount the women must manage the household duties. Therefore it is our duty to inform our office-bearers regarding our troubles and they will try to work for our welfare. The leaders of the Congress party have told you everyting in detail. In our meeting we had the other day, we decided to take 2 non-official members from the Congressites. We have full confidence in them. They will surely look to our welfare. No one will misunderstand us for electing those people. I think even the authorities cannot

cannot misunderstand us for electing them. It is our duty to move in a friendly manner with the Management and the - Officers. We must honour and respect our officers. The Congress people will work for our welfare. They will fight out for our rights. I cannot speak much. Now, I close my speech. (Claps).

(Mr. T.Mariappa in introducing Mr.B.Narayanaswamy said that he is the Secretary of the Mysore City Congress Committee; and that he is the Municipal Councillor).

Mr. B.Narayanaswami, Pleader, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

You have listened to the speeches of my predecessors. I also have to repeat the same, in whatever manner I speak. I am glad to see this public meeting. In the beginning everyone will be enthusiastic. But it is your duty to have the same enthusiasm always. (Many people began to make "Galata". Mr.T.Mariappa appealed to them to keep silent). Discipline and peace are needed. You must stay for some more time and exhibit your patience. Mr. M.N.Jois has already said to you regarding the Labour Act when it was brought before the - Assembly. I will tell you only one point regarding the Act. The non-official members have ~~xxxxxxxx~~ some restrictions. If he a member in one Association, he cannot become a member of another association. Again the Union of the Railway workers cannot have any non-official member. There is provision for electing non-official members in the Joint-stock Companies only. In Government managed mills or workshops, the workers cannot have non-official members. We want to amend the Act in such a way that the non-official members may also be elected to a Union of the workers of any factory managed by the Government. The principle lying behind it is very good. If there are non-official members in it, the work of the Union can be easily carried. Mr.Veerakesari Seetharama Sastry also supported our amendment. But the Government did not accept our view. You must not forget the adage "Union is strength". In the Western countries, the Labour Unions were recognised in the 19th Century. In British India, the Labour Unions were recognised about 12 years ago. In Mysore, we are now having

having this Labour Act. The troubles experienced by the - employees of Mysore Railway Workshop are known to you. Till now they were holding meetings in the Subbarayanakere Maidan. The enactment of Labour Act is due to the labourers of Bangalore. Now, it is our duty to carry on the work of the Union of the Krishnarajendra Mill's labourers in a good manner. Many obstacles may come, but we must brave them with boldness. If you move in a disciplined way, within 4 years, you may have a chance of becoming a minister. Again you must fight out for leave allowances, maternity leave, education for children, reading rooms &c. Firstly, you must have full confidence in your leaders. As Mr. H.C.Dasappa requested you, I also request you as the Secretary of the Mysore Congress Committee to become members of Congress by paying 4 annas. If all the labourers of the Mills become members of Congress, all your troubles will be remedied within a short time. (Claps).

Krishnan, Labourer of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mill's Labourers' Union, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

I did not come here to speak in this meeting. You have already listened to the speeches of the leaders of Congress party. Since you have given me a chance to speak here, I than you. I thank the President also for giving me a chance to speak. The conduct of the workers is not good. Some days ago a person was beaten for drinking coffee in the mill canteen. We must not do anything ourselves. Every matter must be reported to the leaders and as per their advice we must act. Once again I thank every one of you for giving me a chance to speak in this meeting. (Claps).

Mr. P. Seetharamiah, Advocate, Mysore City, next spoke thus.-

I do not want to speak for a long time. Since two hour you are listening to the speeches. Since I took my seat near the President, I have to speak now. Many people may say that the Municipality has no connection with the Sri - Krishnarajendra Mills, since the mills are beyond the City limits. But even then the labourers of the Mills reside in City. Hence there is relationship between the Mills and the

the Municipality. Since the Vice-President of the Municipality is the President of your Union, you have still more relationship. I will briefly tell you the establishment of the Mills. In Mysore City there was a big money-lender known as Vardhamaniah. He wanted to start an industrial concern. With his great efforts this Mill was started, with a capital of 40 lakhs of rupees. It was started during the Great War period, with the idea that nearly 5 or 6 per cent dividend and reasonable rebate should be given. The shares were over-subscribed. I also applied for shares worth - Rs.10,000/-. But I was given shares worth Rs.8,000/-. I would have been gald if I was given only share wroth Rs.1,000/- since I would have saved Rs.7,000/-. Many subscribers sold the - "Thalis" of their wives and paid the share amount. Among the capital, nearly 20 lakhs of ruppes were spent upon the building and the machinery. 10 lakhs of rupees were set apart to buy cotton. Nearly 10 lakhs of rupees were borrowed from Mysore Bank at the rate of 8 or 9 per cent. After paying the interest, only a small quantity of profits remained. You must not think that the Capitalists are acting against the interests of the labourers. On the other hand, most of their money is lost. Though the share value has come down to from Rs.50/- 2 or 3 rupees, they are carrying on the administration for the sake of helping nearly 3000 people who are working in the Mills. I do not know much regarding the labour problem. But our President is a member of the L.C. and he knows everytning. The advantages and the disadvantages of the Labour Act will be discussed in the L.C. My opinion is that this Act has been enacted to punish those people who go on - "Strike". In the recent "Hindu" Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has written a statement. He says that we have observed Gandhi Jayanthi in the same way as we have observed till now. He has asked us to open co-operative Societies wherein - products of cottage and home industries only should be kept and great impetus must be given to the marketting of hand made goods. This kind of impetus is given in China.

The same must be copied in India and in Mysore also. Firstly all the 3000 labourers must become members of this Union. If some do not join this Union, they will form into another Union and thus the work of the Union will be obstructed. The subscription of 2 annas that you are collecting now must be safely kept. In the Railway Union the collections per - month used to be 3 to 4 thousand rupees. But the entire amount was not safely kept. The President and the office-bearers must see that the amount is spent towards reasonable expenditure. Secondly, you must think that the Mill is yours. Mr. H.C.Dasappa has already requested you to become members of Congress. In this connection, I must tell you that many labourers know more than the highly paid experts. The mixing of combodia and ordinary cotton is better known to the labourers than the highly paid staff. Formerly the Mill was only manufacturing Yarn. But recently they have got the weaving plant and now some profits are being realised. If the profits increase, we can give you more wages. Furtner we can give you the benefit of Provident Fund, wherein you pay 1 anna and the Mill Management also pays 1 anna. The entire amount will be given to the labourer when he retires. Your Union must see that this is fully worked out. For helping the poor and needy during marriage &c. your Union can pay from its funds. So also during the demise of any labourer, financial help may be given from your fund. All of you must unite and work in a disciplined manner. Sometimes you may help yourselves. During strike, you can pay something to the labourers who will be devoid of work. From all these points of view, you must subscribe liberally and increase your fund. (Claps). Therefore, I request you to enrol yourselves as members of your Union first. You are requested to become members of Congress also. You follow the principles of Congress. Even 100 labourers become members of Congress, we will be strengthened. All the 24 Municipal Councillors want to acquire the maidan that is near your Mills and make it a colony for the labourers. We want to give

give you good lighting and educational facilites. We want to establish a maternity and child welfare centre also. In short, we want to better your condition. We assure you that we will do our utmost in the matter. (Claps).

Mr. T.Mariappa, President of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mill's ~~xxx~~ labourers' Union, Mysore next spoke thus.-

I think the impression of the speeches upon you is very great. If you are disgusted, I do not want to detain you for a long time. Now it is my duty to place all the matters before you. Almost every speaker has told you regarding your responsibilities only and the responsibilities of the Managament. These people are afraid of you, since you may go out of control. I tell you~~xx~~ that it is the duty of the Management also to be patient and to conduct themselve politely while they move with you. They must know that the labourers have honour and respect. In short there must be a good deal of co-operation between the labourers and the authorities. If the labourers commit any mistakes, they may be excused since they are uneducated and inexperienced. But if the officers commit mistakes, they cannot be excused at all. They must treat you as their brethren. The problem of labour is a very difficult one. In the Western countries many people have sacrificed their lives to solve this problem Yet a perfect solution is not found out. I think this proble will remain as long humanity exists. The Labour problem of every country has some peculiar aspects. The solutions foun out at America cannot be put in action in Germany or England and so on. Major Atlee, leader of the labour party of England, has not accepted for the bestowal of Swaraj upon the Indians. In short, the problem of labour must be decided according to the peculiar circumstances of each country.The chief principle in labour is that the people who produce wealth must get a proper return for their work. For working 9 hours in a day, you must also get proper returns. But it is not the case. The capitalists who invest capital grow big bellies and get a huge dividend and labourers do not get a proper return. The solution to solve this problem in the

in the Western countries is based upon "Himsa" principle. But here we are following the non-violent principle. Hence we must not wound the feelings of the capitalists. We must act in such a way as to change the minds of the capitalists This way is preached by Mahatmaji. I request all of you t be non-violent under any circumstances (Claps). I much - pained that there is some trouble regarding the canteen. If your are non-violent, the officers themselves will do you good. More than all, nothing can be gained by mere talk. You must sacrifice a good deal. Then only you will attain success. As an example I may quote an instance from the Mysore Congress. When Messrs. H.C.Dassppa or K.T.Bashyam or T.Siddalingiah wrote letters to Government, they replied letters to their personal address not as "President of the Mysore Congress". In order to get letters addressed to the their ddsignation much sacrifice had to be done. If you ha seen the labourers at Bangalore during their 71 days strike you would have been surprised. It is on account of their suffering that you are organising yourselves, under the - Labour Act. There are many defects in the Act. But the Congress leaders will try to remove them in the L.C. You must not think that you have no right to strike work under the new Act. You have not lost that right. But you can exercise that right under certain conditions. First of al you must inform your difficulties to the office-bearers of this Union. Then we will give notice to the Labour Commissioner to rectify them. If he does not decide, we will request the Government to give us the facility of arbitration. It will be published in the Gazette. Even then, if it cannot be solved, strike may be declared when 75% of the labourers are in favour of it. This is a very good point. There is no use in observance of strike by a few people. If only a f observe strike, cases may be launched against them and they can be convicted. As my friends have already told you, all of you must become members of Congress. It seems that some officers have told you that the Mysore Congress will spend

spend away your money. It is mere falsehood. You are not different from Mysore Congress, which wants to uplift you. Congress will be strengthened if the ryots and the labourers join it. Secondly, all of you must wear Khadi. At least you must wear Khadi caps. I know that you have many difficulties. You have not got leave facilities with full pay, whereas the Government servants have casual leave, privilege leave, furlough leave &c. After the registration of the Union, we shall discuss everything in detail. We will fight out for your cause. I think the authorities also know everything. Instead of helping us, if they threaten us, then we will also see what can be done in the matter. (Claps). Now I will place a few resolutions before you. You are requested to pass them.

The following resolutions were passed Unanimously.-

1. "The newly established Sri Krishnarajendra Mill's Labourers' Union resolves at this meeting that it has complete confidence in achieving its aims through Truth and Non-violence. (Claps).

2. " This meeting accepts the amendments brought forth by the Congress Party to the Labour Act". (Claps).

3. "This meeting resolves that more than two non-official members may be elected by every Union". (Claps).

Here I must explain to you a bit.

(Under this Act only two non-official members may be elected by the members by every Union. This restriction is put with the idea that if any trouble arises, it could be easily put forth by arresting the 2 non-official members.)

4. "This meeting condemns the order of the Government according to which only Government Officers must be elected as non-official members in factories managed by Government."(Claps).

(Here I must explain to you a little. Since Sri Krishnarajendra Mills is a joint stock company, you can have 2 non-official members. But the Union of the Railway workshop cannot have the 2 non-official members, since the Railways are manged by Government. The non-official members must be only Government servants.)

(Nobody voted against the resolutions. Hence they were unanimously passed)

Since 4 O'Clock you are listening to the speeches. I am very glad since you patiently listened to the speeches. Lastly I pray God to solve all your difficulties within a short time. Now I close my speech.(Claps).

Mr. A.Krishnamurthy, Secretary, the Sri Krishnarajend Mill's Labourers' Union, Mysore, next spoke thus.-

Till now, you have listened to the speeches of your leaders. I do not speak much. I will only tell you a few words regarding the work of our Union. Within a short space of 22 days, nearly 1666 workers have become members of this Union. This is a very good record. (Claps). In this connection the work done by Bhagyamma and Ratnamma is praise worthy. I am sure that other workers also will join the Union within a short time. Have complete confidence in your leaders and listen to their advice. When the labour trouble began at Bangalore, Mr. K.T.Bashyam led them. Soon-after he was arrested. But the Government realised their mistake and released him soon and an emergency Labour Act was passed. We are here on account of the facility provided by the Labour Act. Many people have thought that the number of working hours will be decreased and your wages will be increased. It is not the case. This much can be said that we will fight out for your welfare. Secondly I want to tell you that your subscriptions will be kept apart. According to the Act correct accounts are to be maintained. Hence you need not worry regarding the safety of your subscriptions. The trouble experienced by the women workers is immense. The must get up at 5 A.M. and start from Narasimharaja Mohalla to the Mills. Again they have to return at 6 P.M. to their homes, cook food and then go to bed. We will do our best to better your conditions. Lastly it is my duty to thank the speakers and the President. Again I have to thank you for coming over here, though you had to observe a festival in your houses. Again, I thank the Municipality for permitting us to hold this meeting.

Then the meeting terminated with cries of Jais at 7 P.M.

The speeches seemed to be effective.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, District Police Office,
Mysore, Dated, 22-10-41.

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A. Ranga Rao Iyengar

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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No.J1-P.R.403/41-42.
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Office of the District Magistrate,
Kadur District,
Chickmagalur, dated, the 27th October 1941

From

C.E.Noronha, Esquire., M.A.,

District Magistrate,
Kadur District.

To

SECRETARY. OCT. 1941 * OF MYSORE.

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T.Kesaviengar, Esquire., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to Government,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

Subject:- Dispute between two sections of the Muslims of Chickmagalur Town, regarding the right of the Pesh Imam of the Khizeria Mosque to read the "Khutba" this year at the Kempanahalli Idigah on Ramzan day.

With reference to the above, I have the honour to enclos for the information of Government, a copy of the order under Section 144 Cr.P.C. passed by the Amildar-Magistrate at the instance of the Police. A copy of the Police Inspector's report, which will give an idea of the case, is also enclosed. Efforts were made till the last to effect a compromise between the two parties, but to no avail. Proper Police " bundopast" had been made in case of a disturbance, but, I am glad to say, the day passed off peacefully and there was no untoward event. The Muslims of the ~~house~~ town and also those that came from the surrounding villages as usual are said to have performed their devotions at the Thonderi Idigah or the various mosques in the Town.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C.E.Noronha

District Magistrate,
Kadur District.

In the Court of the Amildar and Ex-Officio IInd Class Magistrate, Chickmagalur.

Notification under Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code.

Whereas from the report of the Police Inspector, Chickmagalur and from personal enquiries made of the leaders of the parties belonging to the Jamia and Khizerkhan Masjids, it is disclosed that the managing committee of the Jamia and Sangin Masjids are determined not to allow the Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan masjid to read the Kuthuba at the Kempanahally Idiga on the last day of Ramzan, to come off either on the 22nd or 23rd instant, and Mr. Khizerkhan and his party are, on the other hand, insisting on the alleged right of the Pesh Imam - Mr. Mahamed Ghouse of Khizerkhan Masjid of reading the Kuthuba on the last day of Ramzan at the Kempanahally Idiga and that there will be big congregation of both the said parties at the above Idiga with the determined object of enforcing of their different points of view. I am satisfied from the circumstances of the case that if such a congregation of Muslims is allowed at the Kempanahally Idiga there is likely to be a clash between the two parties resulting in a breach of the peace.

I, C. Krishna Rao, Esquire., B.A., Amildar and Ex-Officio IInd Class Magistrate, Chickmagalur in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Kadur District Magistrate in No. J1-L. C. 1410/40-41 dated 23-10-1940 under Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code do hereby prohibit such a congregation at Kempanahally Idiga, the schedule of which is given below, for a period of one week from today.

Schedule of Kempanhally Idiga.

Bounded on the east by Dhantarmakki tank, on the west by the road leading to Kempanahally village from Chickmagalur, on the north by the fields belonging to Yekkappa of Basavanahally and others and on the south by Basavanahally.

The foregoing order shall be published by tom tom in Chickmagalur Town and served on the leaders of the Masjids

Masjids referred to above and their Pesh Imams and also affixed in principal places of Chikmagalur Town and the Kempanahally Idiga.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 21st day of October 1941.

Sd- C.Krishna Rao,
Amildar and Ex-Officio IInd Class Magistrate, Chickmagalur.

No.J.C.15/41-42.

Copy of the above is submitted to the District Magistrate, Kadur District, Chickmagalur for favour of information.

Sd- C.Krishna Rao,
Amildar and Ex.Officio IInd Class Magistrate, Chickmagalur.

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District Magistrate,
Kadur District.

H.P.R.

Submitted:-

Beg to state that there are five Majids in Chickmagalur Town called 1. The Anjuman Masjid, 2. The Jamia Masjid, 3. Sangin Masjid, 4. The Khizerkhan Masjid, and 5. The Labbe Masjid. Out of these five Masjids the persons attending the Anjuman Masjid have got their own Idiga at Thonderi, in Chickmagalur Town. The rest of the Masjids have a common Idiga called the Kempanahally Idiga in Chickmagalur. From the statements of Khizerkhan, the Muthuvalli of the Khizerkha and the Pesh Imam of the same Masjid, and also the members of the Board of Management of the Jamia and Sangin Masjids, it is disclosed that the Pesh Imam of the Jamia Masjid was conducting Namaz and the Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan Masjid was reading the Kuthuba on the last day of Ramzan and Bakrid Feasts at the Kempanahally Idiga from a long time that is 30 to 40 years. It was only last year during the last day of Bakrid in the Prayers at the Kempanahally Idiga that the Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan Masjid did not read the Kuthuba as usual and the Pesh Imam of the Jamia Masjid alone read the Kuthuba also.

For the absence of the Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan Masjid last year during the last day of Bakrid at Kempanahall Idiga the two parties offer different reasons. Mr. Khizerkhan states that since the Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan Masjid was ill, and he could not attend the Idiga on the last day of Bakrid last year and Mr. Khizer khan being the Muthuvalli of the Khizerkhan Masjid and also the President of the Sangin and Jamia Masjids allowed the Pesh Imam of the Jamia Masjid to conduct the Namaz and also to read the Kuthuba only for that occassion. This is denied by the other party and they state that the board of members of the Managing Committee of the Jamia and Sangin Masjids which asserted itself as constitutional body last year passed a resolution by which they removed the privilege of reading the Kuthuba by the Pesh Imam

Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan Masjid permanently from the last day of Bakrid last year. They do not produce any record for such a resolution having been passed last year.

Both the parties admit the existence of this customary privilege enjoyed by the Pesh Imams of both these Masjids from time Immemorial but now the Board of management of the Jamia and Sangin Masjids except the President of the same Board claim exclusive privilege of the Pesh Imam of Jamia Masjid alone reading the Kuthuba and also conducting the Namaz at the Kempanahally Idiga on the last day of Ramzan and Bakrid Feasts.

On 19-10-1941 the Board of Management of the Jamia and Sangin Masjids with the Vice President Mr. Ahamed Hussain in the Chair have resolved not to allow the Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan Masjid reading the Kuthuba on the last day of Ramzan at the Kempanhally Idiga this year which falls either on the 22nd or 23rd instant. The President of the Board has not attended the meeting and no reason for his absence is shown in the proceedings of the meeting.

Mr. Khizerkhan, the Muthuvalli of the Khizerkhan Masjid and President of the Board of Management of the Jamia and Sangin Masjids claims the right of the Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan Masjid reading the Kuthuba as per custom long existing on the last day of Ramzan and Bakrid Feasts at the Kempanahally Idiga. The other party are determined not to allow the Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan Masjid reading the Kuthuba on the last day of Ramzan at the Kempanahally Idiga.

In Criminal Miscelaneous case No. 20/35-36 on the file of the Special First Class Magistrate's Court, Chickmagalur, under section 145 Cr.P.C. only ruling regarding the possession and management of the Jamia and Sangin Masjids and their endowments is decided and there is nothing in evidence as to the Procedure to be adopted at the time of offering of Id Prayers at the Kempanahally Idiga

at the Kempanahally Idiga on the last day of Ramzan and Bakrid. Even after the decision of the above case until the last day of Bakrid last year the Pesh Imam of the Khizerkhan Masjid has read the 'Kuthuba' at the Kempanahally Idiga and it is only last year for reasons given by Mr. Khizerkhan that th Pesh Imam of the Khizer Khan Masjid did not attend the Idiga at the Bakrid feast.

Local enquiries show that both the parties have got the right of entering the Idiga on the last day of Ramzan to offer prayers at the Kempanahally Idiga and in view of the strained feelings if these parties are allowed to enter the Idiga and offer prayers there is likely hood of a breach of peace by these parties coming to a clash to establish their own point of view.

In the circumstances aforesaid a petition was presented to the Amildar and Ex-Officio IInd Class Magistrate, Chickmagalur on 21-10-1941 praying for orders to prohibit the congregation of the parties and others at the Kempanahall a Idiga for a period of one week from 21-10-1941 under Section 144 Cr.P.C. to prevent the apprehended breach of the peace until the parties get their right of prayers settled by a competent court. An order under the above Section is passed by the Amildar-Magistrate and the same is duly published in the Chickmagalur Town.

Sd- B.N.Puttaswami,
Police Inspector,
22-10-41. Chickmagalur.

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Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Kadur District, Chickmagalur for favour of information under the circumstances reported by the Inspector of Police. There was no other alternative for the Police to do. Needful Police arrangements have been made to maintain peace and order at Chickmagalur on 23-10-1941.

Sd- Abdul Latheef,
District Superintendent of Police
Kadur District.
22-10-1941.

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District Magistrate,
KADUR DISTRICT

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. K. SUBBA RAO, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

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My dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith, for the perusal of Government, a copy of S.B. report No.72 of 4/11/41, regarding the provisional tour programme of Mr. H. Siddiah, the President of Mysore Congress, in the Mysore District.

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Yours sincerely,

K. Subba Rao

To

Rajasevaprasakta
B. T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

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S.B. 72 /41-42

SPECIAL REPORT.

SUBMITTED to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Myso:

Subject :- Tour Programme of Mr.H.Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress.

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It is reported that in connection with the tour of Mr.H.Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress in Mysore District, during November 1941, Messrs: Chowdiah, U.L.Ramachandra Rao, M.R.Channabasappa and P.Seetharamiah (Members of the Reception Committee), T.Mariappa, S.Channiah and H.C. Dasappa assembled in the local Congress Office on the evening of 28-10-41 and discussed the tour programme of the President.

It is ascertained that the following is the tour programme of the Mysore Congress President Provisionally fixed from 4th to 8th November 1941 :-

4th November 1941	Morning.	Arrival of Mr.H.Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress either by train or by road.
		Reception at the Railway Station if by train or at the Seringapatam old Toll gate if by road.
		Taking the President in procession through several streets of the City.
	Afternoon	Congress workers meeting in the local Congress Office.
	Evening	Municipal Address if permitted.
		Tea by the Congress workers.
		Public meeting in the Subbarayanakere Maidan.
	Night.	Dinner by the Congress workers.
5th November 1941	2-30 P.M.	Leave Mysore for Bilikere and holding of public meeting there.
	4 to 5 P.M.	Visit Halebid
	6 P.M.	Krishnarajnagar and holding of public meeting and halt there for the night.

Nov. 1941.	Morning.	Visit Hampapur and holding of public meeting.
	Noon	Visit Gaudhanahalli Krishnarajnagar Taluk and holding of public meeting.
	Evening	Visit Mirle and Saligrama and holding of public meeting.
	Night	Return to Krishnarajnagar and halt for the night.
7th Nov.1941	Morning	visit Hebbal, Krishnarajnagar Taluk and holding of public meeting.
	Noon	Visit Chunchankatte -do-
	Evening.	Visit Ravandoor and after holding the public meeting, halt there for the night.
8th Nov.1941	Morning	Visit Bettadapur and holding of public meeting.
	Noon	Visit Periyapatna and holding of public meeting.
	Evening.	Visit Kamplapur and Kullahalli & holding of public meeting.
	Night	Visit Hunsur and halt there for the night.

It is learnt that this programme is subject to modification and will be finally fixed after the question of presenting civic address to Mr.H.Siddiah is settled in the City Municipal Council Meeting on 30-10-1941.

Sd/- A.Rangaswami Iyengar,

M Y S O R E
DATED, 29/10/41

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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A. Rangaswami Iyengar

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